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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha and MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu along with winners of National Women's Team Championship during the SACCC and 56th NCCC at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 26th March 2022.



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi along with Members of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 19th March 2022.



Union Minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal along with other officials during the inauguration of the first-ever Integrated Ayush Hospital in the State at Razha Chedema, Kohima on 4th March 2022.



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RELAXATION OF TWO YEARS OF AGE FOR ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

In continuation to Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms Office Memorandum of even number dated 16th July 2021 Para 3 and in the interest of public service, the Government of Nagaland has allowed relaxation of age for entry into Government service for a period of additional 2 (two) years with effect from 22nd April 2021. This will be one time relaxation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption in recruitment activities on account of the ban of appointments.

This is issued in pursuance of the Cabinet decision conveyed vide No.CAB-2/2013 dated 22nd February 2022.

T. YANGSEO SANGTAM ELECTED DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE THIRTEENTH NLA

Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, Dr. P.J. Antony issued a press release stating that T. Yangseo Sangtam, MLA has been elected unopposed, as the Deputy Speaker of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly, under Article 178 of the Constitution of India and assumed office with effect from the forenoon of Saturday, the 19th of March 2022.

FIT INDIA MOBILE APP

As a part of commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Fit India Mobile App has been launched to make fitness tool accessible to all. It comes with a host of other features like customized diet plans, step counter, calorie monitor, sleep tracker etc. and all these features are free for all the users. The fitness assessment based on 'Age-appropriate Fitness Protocols-GOALS,' launched by Prime Minister in September 2020, is the core feature of the App.

A guide on how to perform the fitness tests is also available on the App. The App is available in both Android and iOS platforms. The links for the download are as follows:

- i. Android : <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sai.fitIndia>
- ii. iOS : <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fit-india-mobile-app/id1581063890>

COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF SUITABLE TRADES TO IMPART NON-FORMAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO PwDs CONSTITUTED

In the interest of public service, the Government of Nagaland has constituted a committee for recommendation of suitable trades to impart non-formal vocational training to People with Disabilities

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(PwDs) at National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled (NCSC-DA), Kushiabill, Dimapur, with the following members as below:

1. Commissioner & Secretary, L&E, SD&E, - Chairman Nagaland, Kohima
2. Director, ESD&E - Member
3. Director, Social Welfare - Member
4. A representative from State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, not below the rank of Deputy Director - Member
5. Nodal Officer (NCSC-DA), ESD&E - Member Secretary

GOVERNOR INSTITUTES AWARD ON BASIC SCIENCES

The Governor of Nagaland has instituted an Award to encourage the students of Nagaland to excel in the study of Basic Sciences. The Award will be known as 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science study of HSSLC Examination,' and will be given to the best 6 (six) students in science stream with the following subject combination:

1. Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) - 3 (three) Awards
1st – Rs. 1,00,000/-
2nd – Rs. 50,000/-
3rd – Rs. 25,000/-
2. Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) - 3 (three) Awards
1st – Rs. 1,00,000/-
2nd – Rs. 50,000/-
3rd – Rs. 25,000/-

The following guidelines shall govern the 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science study of HSSLC Examination:'

1. The award will be awarded to the best 6 (six) students in order of merit in the HSSLC Examination in science stream conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) subject combination – 3 (three) students and Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) subject combination – 3 (three) students as per the criteria laid down.
2. A citation along with cash award shall be given with effect from HSSLC Examination 2022.
3. The students must belong to an Indigenous Scheduled Tribe of Nagaland as notified by the Government from time to time.
4. The award shall be one-time only.
5. The students should secure 80% or more in their aggregate to avail the award.
6. A student shall be entitled to one award only either in PCM or PCB category. He/she shall not be given 2 (two) awards.
7. To qualify for the award in either category, the subjects Mathematics and Biology must be main

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elective subjects. In case of a student offering both Mathematics and Biology subject as main elective subjects, the subject where he/she is getting the higher marks will be considered for deciding the category of award.

8. The candidate scoring the highest aggregate in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) or Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) will be considered.
9. If there is still a tie in the marks and aggregate, whosoever secures higher marks in the external marks of PCM or PCB will be considered.
10. In case of another tie, the following norms shall be followed:
 - (a) PCB: The higher marks of Biology in both external and internal to be considered first and next the marks of Chemistry external and internal.
 - (b) PCM: The higher marks of Mathematics in external and internal to be considered first and next the higher marks of Physics external and internal.
11. In case of further tie, the award will be shared.
12. This is in supersession of this Secretariat's Notification of even number dated 13th September 2021.

SCHOOL EDUCATION REMINDS OF NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

In continuation of Department Notification NO.ED/UNIFORM/2020 Dated Kohima, the 22nd March 2021, all the DEOs, SDEO, and School Heads of Government Elementary Schools have been reminded that the Department has changed School Uniform for Government Elementary School Children from grey trousers to navy blue trousers for boys, grey skirts to navy blue skirts for girls and white shirt to long-sleeve sky blue shirt for both boys and girls, to improve the standard of school uniform being worn by the students and also to ensure the students are dressed appropriately and with dignity.

It is reported that some school heads are still forcing their students to procure and wear old school uniforms contradicting the Departmental notification, which the Department has viewed seriously.

Therefore, all the school heads have been directed to strictly implement school uniforms introduced by the Department and no children should be asked to purchase school uniforms at any cost, as it is the responsibility of the Central and the State Government to provide free school uniform to all the children studying in government schools or till completion of elementary education. Disciplinary action will be initiated on violation of this notification.

TRAINING ON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

School Education has witnessed enormous growth and has become almost universal. The quantitative expansion has raised the concern of quality which cannot be addressed through macro-level strategies. It demands shifting of focus from system-level reforms to school-level actions. As such, empowering the school heads is an urgent need to transform schools into productive institutions.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions and massive changes in our education system. School Leaders must re-imagine learning and modernize education to make it fit for the post COVID world. Moreover, keeping in mind the visions of NEP 2020, School Leaders need to be empowered to bring changes into the system.

In this scenario, the Board is pleased to organize training on School Leadership Programme for the Heads of Secondary and Higher Secondary Institutions (Government & Private, Old & New). The training comprises of 6 (six) Modules, with one Module planned every fortnightly in a dual-mode of offline/online sessions, which will be held in the afternoon. The topics and details of the Modules are given below:

Aim : To design and implement a pre-in-service programme for Heads of Institutions.

Participants : Heads of Secondary and Higher Secondary Institutions.

| Module/Topic | Date | Time | Mode |
|--|--|------------------------|---------|
| Module 1: To empower the participants on School Leadership | 8 th April 2022 (Friday) | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Online |
| Module 2: Creating a mission and vision for the school headed by the School Leader. | 26 th April 2022 (Tuesday) | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Offline |
| Module 3: Building a cohort of focused educators to execute the plan. | 26 th April 2022 (Tuesday) | 1:15 p.m.– 4:15 p.m. | Offline |
| Module 4: Focus and promote an active, student-centered instruction plan. | 10 th May 2022 (Tuesday) | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Online |
| Module 5: Design and develop formats to monitor, evaluate and coach the internal teams to achieve the vision of the school. | 24 th May 2022 (Tuesday) | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Online |
| Module 6: To understand the post COVID situation and organize plans to overcome the hurdles in a phased manner. | 7 th June 2022 (Tuesday) | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Online |

At the end of the 6 (six) Modules Leadership Programme, the participants will be awarded a certificate.

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POWER DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON SMART PRE-PAYMENT METERS

Power Department has notified that it shall mandatorily install smart pre-payment meters for all categories of consumers in a time- bound and phased manner with immediate effect.

It stated that in view of the above, those areas and or consumers where post-paid meters are operational at present, shall not be brought under the ambit of Communitisation of Electricity till further orders.

It is issued in pursuance and in compliance to the notification of the Ministry of Power, Government of India, and the provisions made in Clause 4(1) (b) of the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 framed under sub-section (1) of Section 55 read with Clause(c) of sub-section (2) of Section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003, which has mandated installation of smart prepayment meters mandatory for all category of consumers, which states inter-alia, 'All Government offices at Block level and above, and all industrial and commercial consumers, shall be metered with smart meters with pre-payment mode by December 2023' and 'All other areas shall be metered with smart meters with pre-payment mode by March 2025.'

NBSE INFORMS ON REVISED RULES RELATING TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed all the Heads of Registered Institutions about the revised rules relating to students with disabilities.

It stated that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisages Equitable and Inclusive Education - Learning for All. It reaffirms that bridging social category gaps in access, participation, and learning outcomes in school education must be a major goal of all education sector development programmes. NEP 2020 also reaffirms the provisions contained in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in regard to students with disabilities.

NBSE has reviewed and made suitable modifications in the curriculum and examination system to meet the needs of students with disabilities in line with the above mandates. The Board has taken feedback from various stakeholders of the state and the revised rules have the approval of the Government vide No.DSE/NBSE/15-2/2011-12/275 dated the 15th March 2022.

The revised rules are uploaded in the Board's portal www.nbsenl.edu.in. All Heads of Registered Institutions have been requested to familiarize themselves with the revised rules and disseminate the information to the students with disabilities for seeking exemptions.

The revised rules will supersede earlier rules and notification, and will become applicable from the academic session 2022 i.e. Classes VIII & IX Examinations 2022 and HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2023 onwards.

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NBOCWWB INFORMS BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

As a measure to improve access to comprehensive and quality healthcare for Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) beneficiaries under the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (NBOCWWB), the Government has launched an initiative to take on board the BOCW beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) health insurance scheme w.e.f. 1st April 2022, instead of the existing Medical Assistance Scheme.

Registered BOCW beneficiaries and their family members will be entitled to cashless benefits on hospitalization for treatment of diseases and medical conditions including pre-existing health conditions up to Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) per family per annum on a family floater basis. More than 1700 secondary and tertiary care procedures including pre and post-hospitalization expenses provided under AB PM-JAY will be available for BOCW beneficiaries. The benefits can be availed at any of the 22000 plus empanelled Government and Private hospitals across the country including 100 hospitals empanelled in Nagaland.

All registered BOCW beneficiaries are requested to obtain the PM-JAY eCard from the following facilities:

1. AB PM-JAY Helpdesk of any empanelled hospital, Common Service Centre (CSC), UTIITSL kiosks.
2. During BIS Outreach Drive in your locality.

PM-JAY eCard will be issued to every individual beneficiary upon verification and approval by the designated authority. The following KYC documents will be required for the eCard generation of BOCW beneficiaries:

1. Valid BOCW ID card and Aadhaar card (as individual ID).
2. Ration Card (as Family ID).

NB: If a ration card is not available, then the Village Council signed “list of households” in the prescribed format which will be available with the operators, with complete and proper details/photos/signature and seal.

To avail the free treatment benefits, BOCW beneficiaries are to produce the eCard at the time of registration in the hospital. Further, all empanelled hospitals have been requested to extend necessary services to registered BOCW beneficiaries.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CLARIFIES

The State Finance Department through a press release stated that there is a general misconception that the fiscal year 2022-23 has been projected to close with a deficit of Rs. 2,212.74 crore. It said, rather, the budget for the year 2022-23, projects a positive balance of Rs. 150.30 crore. This is the first time that the State Government has been able to present a budget with a positive balance after many years of passing deficit budgets. The deficit figure of Rs. 2,212.74 crore is the level of deficit accumulated over the years.

S&WC DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS OUTGOING DIRECTOR

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation bade farewell to its outgoing Director, K. Zhekheto Awomi at the Conference Hall of the Directorate Office on 28th February 2022.

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Registrar, Neizokhono delivered a speech mentioning a brief history and profile of work carried out in various capacities by the outgoing Director. This was followed by a presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the outgoing Director.

The retiring Director, K. Zhekheto Awomi expressed gratitude and recalled the fond memories during his service. He highlighted that a government servant should perform his or

her duties with utmost sincerity irrespective of hierarchy and levels because at the end of the day, one cannot function without the other. He encouraged the Department to march ahead giving their best efforts with sincerity.

Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS commended the outgoing Director for the diligent and sincere works carried out by him and stressed that reaching the age of retirement and being able to attend one's farewell function is one of the greatest blessings in life. He extended his best wishes to the Director for his future endeavours.

AH&VS DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS RETIRING DIRECTOR

Farewell programme of Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Dr. Budhi Lama, was held at the Directorate of AH&VS at Kohima on 28th February 2022.

The Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland, Dr. Budhi Lama retired from active service on the 28th February 2022.

A farewell programme was held in the conference hall of the Directorate of AH&VS,

Kohima. Secretary, Department of AH&VS, Khrupi Sothu IAS, and the entire rank and file of the Directorate, Chief Veterinary Officers, MD-NLDB, and VFATI accorded a warm farewell to the outgoing Director.

NATIONAL HANDLOOM EXPO INAUGURATED IN DELHI



Chief Resident Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Jyoti Kalash, IAS inaugurating the National Handloom Expo, 2022 at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi on 1st March 2022.

Chief Resident Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Jyoti Kalash, IAS inaugurated the National Handloom Expo, 2022 in the presence of Wennyei Konyak, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House at Handloom

Haat, Janpath, New Delhi on 1st March 2022. The Expo was sponsored by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handloom, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Seventeen (17) states across the country took part in the National Handloom Expo, which had a total of 80 stalls. From Nagaland state, 25 stalls were put up for showcasing the handloom products of the state.

Jyoti Kalash visited all the 80 stalls and interacted with almost all the participants, encouraging the entrepreneurs, especially from Nagaland and North Eastern states. He mentioned that the best loom shawls are produced from the North-East states of the country. In the inaugural function, around 10 officials from the Ministry were present along with Manager Nagaland Emporium, Taka Temsu and staff, and Nagaland House staff.

EXPORT PROMOTION AND MARKETING DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS FROM NORTH-EAST HELD IN DIMAPUR

In association with the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the Indian Chamber of Commerce organized an Export Promotional Marketing Development of Organic Food Products from North East on 3rd March 2022 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, under the theme 'Governance for Growth.'

Principal Secretary & Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS said the region has been blessed with all agro-climatic conditions and huge prospects of organic farming. The North East Region has a total area of 18.37 million, out of which 5.5 million Ha is so far cultivated land but organic farming covers only 3%. The North East States is unspoiled by

the modern agricultural practices so the region is a choice for organic farming in the country, he added

Kikheto said the State Government is ready for modern technologies i.e. Soil Testing, Bio-fertilizers, Agromet Automatic weather station; Better co-ordination of Agri-allied departments taking place in the recent years; In Organic AC market at Agri Expo, within one year of post-pandemic, 235 MT ie 2.35 lakh Kg of organic products of vegetables were sold; Farmer Hostel of 120 capacity at Agri Expo will be completed at the end of this year or early part of next year; Naturally Nagaland products outlets have been set up in Dimapur on 9th July 2021 and Kohima on 1st November 2021 where Naturally Nagaland stalls will be set up in all the metro cities; the State Government will be organizing more capacity building, exhibitions, Buyer and Seller's Meet, Farmers' Exposure in the coming year.

Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex, Dr. Dipjyoti Rajkhowa said North East States have been gifted with enormous resources, fertile land, abundant water, rich bio-diversity, young and dynamic people but due to remoteness, marginality, and inaccessibility, up till now, sustained resources for the economic upliftment of the people are not met, and added that there

is a need for a strategic change in the policies as well as approachable activities as a concern of hilly eco-system. The farmers are facing the challenges of doing everything manually, not being aware of marketing, storage, or packaging. He pointed out that water harvesting technology needs to be promoted in the entire North East Region. Another concern is the certification mechanism, intervention of certification can export a large amount of production.

Representatives of State and Union Governments, FPOs, Progressive Farmers, Food Processing Entrepreneurs Consumer Organizations, organized industry buyers, experts, policymakers had a brainstorming session during the seminar-cum-buyer-seller meet to devise a road map for making Nagaland a unique destination for organic food products.

During the technical session, the resource persons were Director, Department of Horticulture, Dr. E. Lotha; Additional Director, Department of Agriculture, Nyenghong Phom; Joint Director, Industries & Commerce, Lipongse Thongtsar; Joint Director & HOO, MSME Di, Ministry of MSME, Tali Longchar; Senior Field Officer, Spices Board of India, Vevotalu Rhakho; Senior Marketing Officer-in-charge (DMI), Tapash Bhattacharjee; Regional Head, Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium, Santosh Das.

OFF-SITE DISASTER DRILL HELD AT OIL DEPOT DIMAPUR

An off-site disaster drill in conjunction with the 51st National Safety Day on the theme "Nurture young minds, develop safety culture" was organized by Labour Department & Indian Oil Corporation in collaboration with Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority at IOCL Oil Depot at Kevijau Colony, Dimapur on 4th March 2022.

IOCL officials informed that every year on March 4, India commemorates National Safety Day to raise awareness and commitment to working safely.

This year, IOCL Dimapur depot collaborated with Labor Department and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, SDRF, NDRF, and civil societies.



An off-site disaster drill in conjunction with the 51st National Safety Day organised at IOCL oil depot at Kevijau Colony, Dimapur on 4th March 2022.

The drill started at 9:00 am, wherein, in the event of leakage and fire, the situation was dealt with within the Oil Depot, and simultaneously the people of the nearby community were evacuated as part of the emergency drill.

RIO INAUGURATES SHAMATOR DISTRICT

Shamator was formally inaugurated as a district of Nagaland by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 4th March 2022 at Shamator.

Speaking as the special guest, Rio stated that the creation of Shamator district faced some complications and urged the gathering to put behind the past misunderstandings and to reconcile and coexist peacefully. He also expressed appreciation to the leaders for coming together and working out the differences. The Chief Minister called on the gathering to maintain a peaceful and harmonious environment for the society to move forward. He also urged them to do away with land disputes, and instead provide land to the Government for development purposes. The Chief Minister suggested that Shamator district be called the "Brotherhood District."

The Chief Minister said that to move forward, top priority should be given to better road connectivity. He spoke on the road projects taking place in the district under PMGSY and the two-laning of NH-202. Rio informed that a proposal

called Trans-National Highway, connecting Showuba, Dimapur to Pangsha, Noklak via Aiponger, Chessore and Shamator, has been forwarded to the Central Government and added that a Cooperative Bank will be set up at Chessore. With the district having tourism potential, he urged the people to come up with a tourist map.

Host and Advisor, IPR and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung urged the people to coexist peacefully with everyone for mutual benefit. He added that society will move forward when peace exists.

DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant assured of the support and cooperation of the people Tuensang adding that it will be like a parent to Shamator district. DC Shamator, Thsüvisie Phojo gave a brief profile of Shamator district where he highlighted that the district has a population of 34,223 (2011 Census) and has a literacy rate of 68.79%. Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor shed light on the journey in the creation of the district.

Speeches were also delivered by President CKS, Nungsanglemba; Züngküm, Ex-Minister; and Minister Agriculture & Co-operation, G. Kaito Aye. President, Yimkhiung Tribal Council, Throngsa Yimkhiung delivered the welcome address while vote of thanks was proposed by General Secretary, Tikhir Tribal Council, W. Tothong Philip. Special numbers were presented by T. Tali Tikhir and Toshi Yimkhiung. Executive Secretary, Yimkhiung Baptist Boru Amukhongto, Dr. S. J. Akhum pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Cultural presentations were showcased

by Sukiur 'B' (Sumi), Shiponger Village, Yakor Village, Pungro Village, Shamator Village, Anatongre Village, and Wapher Village troupes.

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of the DC Complex and Village Guards Training Center, Shamator. He was accompanied by Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu; Minister, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum; Advisor, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying; DGP Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, and other senior government officials.

WORLD ENGINEERING DAY CELEBRATED

Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Association (FONSESA) observed World Engineering Day under the theme 'Build Back Wiser-Engineering the Future' at Japfu Hotel, Kohima on 4th March 2022.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, and New Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon, gracing the function as the Special Guest, said that engineers are the foundation and the drivers of the development of the State, and for the future of the state development policies, it is important for the policy makers and engineers to collaborate and join hands. He said since engineers deal with data analysis to get any plan done, they have pointed out to the policymakers about better policies based on significant data analysis, to be implemented by the policymakers for sustainable development and future in our State. He added that development policy made is based on development data and its resources and called upon the Naga society to think and work collectively and know how to use it to secure the future of the next generation.

Mmhonlumo Kikon emphasized that

since engineers are innovators and knowledge leaders, they should contribute their knowledge through discussions and suggestions with the communities on any issues. He said that as engineers hold a respectable and responsible position in the society, they need to transform this respect into actionable works to benefit and help the areas in developmental works, leaving behind a good legacy.

President, FONSESA, Er. K. Hutoi Sema said the World Engineering Day 2022 focuses on Engineering for Sustainable Development and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development seek to end poverty and hunger, realize the human rights of all, achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and ensure lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources.

Technical Presentation on "Activities of Department of Geology & Mining" was presented by AOE DGM, Joint Director, Er. Chirhotho Rasutho and "Need for Renewable Energy and Schemes & Programmes under MNRE" were presented by the Engineers Association of New & Renewable Energy, Project Officer, Er. Kekhriezhalie Sorhie.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE


President, Nagaland Women Voluntary Association, Kaisa Rio addressing the participants during the International Women's Day celebration at Japfü Christian College, Kigwema on 8th March 2022.

KOHIMA:

International Women's Day 2022 was celebrated at Japfü Christian College, Kigwema with President, Nagaland Women Voluntary Association, Kaisa Rio as the guest speaker. The programme was organized by Nagaland State Commission for Women in collaboration with State Resource Centre for Women, Department of Social Welfare, and Japfü Christian College.

Speaking on the occasion, Kaisa Rio said 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow' is the United Nation's theme for International Women's Day 2022, adding that climate crisis and gender inequality are two issues at the core of the UN Sustainable Goals. She said studies have shown that women outperform men in terms of productivity and endurance, and even in our small state, girls have been repeatedly outperforming boys in scholastic exams for several years. She encouraged women to work twice as hard to achieve the desired goals. She said gender equality must be promoted in our towns, villages, churches, and homes. It is not only a fundamental human right but a prerequisite to building a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable society.

During the occasion, the following personalities were awarded NSCW Awards for the year 2022 for their exemplary work and the services rendered in different fields: Zhonelü Tunyi from Kikhüma village, Kevinourheno Seyie, Yomah Konyak, Imdanglemla Aier, and L. Dorothy Chang.

FOUR AWARDED THE MYKIFEST 2021-2022 AWARD:

MykiFest Award 2021-2022 was awarded to Sesino Yhoshü, Zakilhounuo Tapa, Abi Humtsoe, and Sibeule Zeliang at a ceremony held on International Women's Day at Sakhrie Park, Upper AG Colony, Kohima on 8th March 2022. The awardees were given a cash prize of Rs. 40,000/ each along with certificates and gift hampers.

Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Anenla T. Sato speaking at the event as the special guest, stated that all have equal responsibility for the development of society, and encouraged the women to build a stronger family, society, and nation.

Director, Women Resource Development, Vilone Sakhrie stated that MykiFest was initiated in the year 2017-18, since then the event is celebrated every year in December.

The Department of Women Resource Development, Government of Nagaland also organized competition on Prepared Speech and Acrylic Painting as part of the MykiFest-cum-International Women's Day celebration. The competition was based on the theme, 'Women Empowerment vis-à-vis Government Policies, Customary Laws, Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment,' so that public opinion on the status of women and their role can be made known.

PHQ KOHIMA:

The Nagaland Police Headquarter celebrated the International Women's Day at PHQ, Kohima on 8th March 2022 on the theme 'Gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow.' Special guest speaker for the event was Advisor, Naga Mothers Association, Dr. Rosemary Dzuovichii.

During the programme, the special guest along with senior officers of PHQ released a booklet on 'SOP for crime against women.' Altogether six 6 (six) women staff were felicitated during the programme namely, (i) Orenboni Kikon, Assistant OS, Branch-I, PHQ, (ii) Sedevinuo Sokha, UDA, INT, (iii) Kekhriesenuo Chuse, LDA, Branch-III, PHQ, (iv) Adono Kent, UBSI, INT. (v) Lanurenla, Computer Operator, SCRB, PHQ, (vi) Metsiseno, WPC, Cyber Crime PS, PHQ.

TUENSANG:

International Women's Day was celebrated in Tuensang under the aegis of

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with the Women Welfare Society and Book Club Tuensang at Town Hall, Tuensang.

The celebration was marked with competitions on Prepared Speech, Extempore, and Quiz.

WOKHA:



ADC, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao along with the participants during the International Women's Day celebration at Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 10th March 2022.

Wokha district celebrated International Women's Day at Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 10th March 2022. The event was organized by Wokha District Administration & DLCW-MSK under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) in collaboration with Sakhi-One Stop Centre.

Senior Supervisor, Social Welfare and Advocate, Shanchobeni P. Khuvung, Wokha District Legal Services Authority (WDLA) Assistant Public Prosecution Officer, District Court Wokha, Renbemo Tungoe also spoke on the occasion. All the participants were gifted with First-Aid kits.

LONGLENG:

Longleng District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kandra-District Level for Women in collaboration with PBCA Woman Department, World Vision Longleng and One Stop Center, Longleng jointly organized the International

Women's Day celebration-cum-Folk Dance Competition on the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" on 8th March 2022 at BPCA Convention Hall, Longleng.

During the occasion, BBBP Awards were handed over to 22 (twenty-two) personalities. President ENWO & Retd. DEO, Shamthai, and CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla were awarded the Phenomenal Woman Award in recognition of their excellent service to society. In the folk dance competition, 5 (five) blocks participated.

KIPHIRE:

International Women's Day was celebrated at DC's conference hall, Kiphire on 8th March 2022.

A flower competition was also conducted. Women Icon Piral Swasthya (Health) was awarded to Thepila, ASHA Worker from Thangthure village for her outstanding performance during COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign. Horticulture Department distributed free Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) to the participants while the programme chaired by District Coordinator DLCW-Mahila Shakti Kendra, Visuthong T.

MON:

Mon District Administration in collaboration with KNSK organised the International Women's Day Celebration on 8th March 2022 at Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK) Office, Mon. The theme of the event was "Gender equality today for sustainable tomorrow." The event started with a marathon race themed, "Race for Equality," which was flagged off by President KNSK, Ponglem.

NABARD Regional Office Dimapur in association with Youth Action for Social

Service (YASS) also organized a International Women's Day programme at Tizit, Mon on 8th March. Konyak women from the Tizit area came together with prayers and a message to enhance the leadership quality of women.

SHAMATOR:

On 8th March 2022, Shamator district celebrated International Women's Day at DBs' Hall Shamator Town under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao with SP Shamator, Amit Kumar, IPS as special guest. He acknowledged the women of Shamator for upholding positive responsibilities in their families and society despite their educational backgrounds, and he hoped that the celebration would inspire women to build a better future.

Participants from 11 (eleven) wards took part in the extempore competition as part of the celebration.

PANSO:

Panso Administration HQ celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2022 at Pathso Village Guest House, Panso HQ for the first time since the inception of the EAC Office in 1982. The celebration was jointly organized by District Administration in collaboration with Pathso Range Students Union and BBBP Tuensang. The celebration was attended by the Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam (KMH) units of Pathso village, Ekhaio village, Pathso Nokeng village, Panso town, and others.

Facilitation and event exchange were also held in the programme where small gifts and prizes were given out to mark the celebration.

HENINGKUNGLWA:

International Women's Day was celebrated at Heningkunglwa Village Council

Hall, Peren on 8th March 2022 with the womenfolk and the Village Councils. The programme was organized by District Administration, DLCW-MSK, BBBP & Sakhi-One Stop Centre, District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with NSRLM, Childline, and NYKS Peren.

During the programme, PDLA Retainer Lawyer, Asungbe N. Hau spoke on the topic "Equality has no gender," while PDLA Panel Lawyer, Hiekha Indeu spoke on "Legal provision for maintenance."

PFUTSERO:

The International Women's Day was celebrated at Pfutsero Government College under the theme, 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow' on the 8th March 2022. The programme was organised by the District Administration in collaboration with the Chakhesang Mother's Association, Chakhesang Women Welfare Society and Indian Social

Responsibility Network and hosted by the Women Cell, Pfutsero Government College.

A play reflecting gender equality scenario within families was enacted by the students of English Department. The event further sensitized the gathering through speech competition on the theme. Interpretation and display of Chakhesang traditional attires was presented by the Chakhesang Mother's Association displaying wisdom and knowledge depicted in the attires.

District Co-Ordinator (ISRN) Kehile Rengma highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on women. The Chakhesang Women Welfare Society honoured the day with the launching of 'Eche' Sanitary Pads and Diapers. The programme was followed by sale and display of Chakhesang attires and products of Women Self Help Groups initiated by the Chakhesang Women Welfare Society.

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON COUNSELLING AND THEMATIC ISSUES CONDUCTED

A five-day "Certificate Course on Counselling and Thematic Issues" was organized by the State Level Coordinating Agency Kripa Foundation, Nagaland from 3rd to 7th March 2022 at Hotel Bravo Royal, Half Nagarjan, Dimapur.

The participants were trained on drugs of addiction and their medical psychological effects, treatment of alcohol abuse, concept of drug addiction counseling, skills in drug addiction, conflict resolution, counseling technique, importance of self-care in counseling, behavioral change communication, documentation, understanding women and substance abuse/management, 12 (twelve) steps treatment module, working with families of addicts and

relapse management.

A field visit to Shalom Rehabilitation Centre, Chumukedima was made on 6th March 2022 by all the trainees, where a small programme was held, followed by interactions with the staff of the centre. Certificates were awarded to all the participants by Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Wango Langsym.

A total of 24 participants from the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland attended the Training Course. The programme was supported by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and Social Welfare Department, Government of Nagaland.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD ON NAGA PEACE PROCESS AND ULB ELECTION

A consultative meeting of all stakeholders including mass-based civil societies, church organizations, tribal hohos, political parties, and NGOs was held in the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on the invitation of the State Government on 9th March 2022.

The House adopted the following resolutions unanimously:

The Naga people are yearning for an early political solution. The negotiating parties should earnestly heed this call and arrive at a political solution that is honorable, inclusive, transparent, and acceptable to the people. The House further appealed to all sections to make renewed efforts towards unity and understanding to work towards One Solution and One

Agreement.

The elections to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) should be conducted as per the 74th Amendment Act of the Constitution of India.

During an interaction with the media personnel at Civil Secretariat Kohima, Advisor Mmhonlumo Kikon said the consultation with civil societies on the ULB election matter was required since it is for them and a consensus is required for the matter to progress. Reiterating the Chief Minister's statement earlier in the meeting, he said the taxation under the ULB will depend on the town council members, and the tax collected will be utilized by the town council to improve the conditions of their town and not go to the State Government.

APC GRACES THE 13th BIO-DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS on 9th March 2022 attended the 13th Bio-Diversity Festival as the guest of honor organized by the North East Network (NEN) at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami, Phek on the theme "Embracing biodiversity for well-being."

Sema appreciated the efforts of the NEN for the initiatives to protect and preserve our two most vital resources: nature and people, adding that the collective impact of the NGO has certainly led to a better understanding of biodiversity and preservation of natural resources in the northeastern states. He urged the organization to promote activities that preserve and protect indigenous plant resources and to promote nutri-cereals like millets, jobs tears, and pulses

like soya bean which have huge international markets. He informed that the year 2023 will be declared "Year of millets" and proposed applying for a G.I. tag for indigenous food products like Axone, Anishe and fine dried bamboo shoots.

Sema also appealed to various NGOs, FPOs, and FIGs to forgo applying for only Government subsidies and Grants and informed that a new scheme called the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) is in the pipeline focusing on Post Harvest Infrastructure where Gol will provide interest subvention loan through NABARD and Bank.

Tamara Law Goswami delivered the keynote address where she highlighted how the human relationship with the environment is broken. She said the pandemic has revealed how

fragile human health is and women are the first to be impacted. She expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders, especially for the overwhelming response from the Government led by APC and Agri and Allied Departments and the local Farmers from all over Nagaland for attending this event.

The main highlight of the programme was the Heritage Seed Exchange which took place between women farmers of different villages from Nagaland.

The programme was followed by an interactive session with the stakeholders where the APC briefed the participants that

the Government of Nagaland will support the initiatives of preservation and promotion of traditional seeds by helping to buy the products and also requested the stakeholders to explore and facilitate the activity of skill and knowledge exchange with regards to best practices and improved techniques. He mentioned an instance where the farmers of ENPO areas were keen to share their knowledge of kholar cultivation.

The programme was also attended by various civil society organizations including public leaders of the Phek district.

RECEPTION-CUM-INTERACTION PROGRAMME WITH NCUI PRESIDENT HELD IN KOHIMA

The reception-cum-interaction programme for the President of NCUI, Dileep Sangkhani, and his official team was held on 10th March 2022 at Hotel Japfu Kohima.

Interacting with the officials of Cooperative societies and Nagaland State Cooperative Union, Sangkhani said the cooperatives offer enormous opportunities and can effectively address the task of socio-economic development of the North East Region in general and Nagaland in particular where agricultural products are higher in value.

Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye said the introduction of cooperative societies in Nagaland has been relatively late compared to other parts of the country. He called

upon the cooperative societies to work genuinely for the welfare of the people and those non-functional societies should be deregistered. He also highlighted to the NCUI team that the State can be promoted as a centre for organically produced and eco-friendly as Nagaland has been an organic state, cooperatives would promote opportunities for production and marketing of organic products, health food, eco-goods and bio-goods, herbal medicine, etc. through an integrated strategy for sustainable and equitable utilization of its natural resources and biodiversity. He also appealed to the visiting team to highlight the productivity and marketable linkages to the main stakeholders for the progress of the farmers.

WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED

DIMAPUR:

Nagaland Consumer Rights Organisation, in collaboration with Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Government of Nagaland observed

World Consumer Rights Day on 15th March 2022 on the theme, "Fair Digital Finance" at Western Chakhesang Hoho Building Dimapur.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant

Controller, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Limatoshi Jamir noted that the occasion is being celebrated every year worldwide, through the World Consumer Organization with relevant themes. He however reminded that the theme should not only be for celebration but rather to start working on it. Touching on the theme, Lima observed that many a times, even educated people gets cheated through Digital Finance and cited greed as one reason and advised them to be careful while tackling Digital Finance.

Advocate from Dimapur District Legal Services Association, Ketoulhoukho informed that the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 India was replaced by the Consumer Protection Act 2019. Quoting the Act, he highlighted on the various Consumer Rights and also the procedures and channels for filing complaints.

President, CRO, James Jungi while delivering the keynote address, noted that global collaborative approach is required for achieving Fair Digital Finance. He further informed that CRO has written to the Government for formation of Consumer Council in the State, seeking support for furthering their vision to enable CRO to provide better protection and promotion of Consumer Rights.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Consumer Rights Day was observed at Zunheboto on 15th March 2022 at Zunheboto Government College with District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman ZDLSA, Ajonba Imchen as the resource person and Principal, Zunheboto Government College, Dr. K. Nishena Nekha as the special guest.

Ajonba Imchen said that the Consumer Protection Act was implemented in the year 1986 and passed in 2019. No economy can improve without protecting the consumer rights. The Consumer Protection Act 2019 repeals and protects the consumer on all the commodities the consumer availed. Infringing the rights of the consumer must be stopped.

Dr. Nishena Nekha in his speech stated that consumers should know their rights and be protected adding that unfair businesses prevailing in the market should be looked and that consumers should be vigilant.

The programme was organised by Consumer Rights Organization, Zunheboto in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Zunheboto Government College and Department of Economics.

NSLSA LAUNCHES HELPLINE NUMBER

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), Member Secretary, Victo Sema, NJS launched the NSLSA Helpline number on 17th March 2022 during a short formal programme at the State NSLSA office in Kohima in the presence of project officials. The Member Secretary informed that the Helpline Number has been initiated to enable common people across the State and interior region covering rural areas to reach out for legal aid and services through the toll-free number. The free legal services entail the provision of free legal aid in civil and criminal matters for those poor

and marginalized people who cannot afford the services of a lawyer for the conduct of a case or a legal proceeding in any court, tribunal, or before an authority. Free legal services also include provisions of aid and advice to beneficiaries to access the benefits under the welfare statuses and schemes framed by the Central or the State Government and to ensure access to justice in any other manner.

The toll-free number is being operated at the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority Office. For toll-free assistance, beneficiaries can dial +91 1800 345 3883.

GOVERNOR GRACES THE 5th NU CONVOCATION

The 5th convocation of the Nagaland University Lumami was held on 17th March 2022 with Governor of Assam and Nagaland and Chief Rector of Nagaland University, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, as the chief guest at the University Auditorium (I hoshe Kinimi Hall) Nagaland University, Lumami.

Delivering his convocation address, Prof. Mukhi said that university convocation is an occasion as well as an opportunity for the graduates and research scholars to receive their degrees and certificates that they have earned by putting in hard work with unflinching determination, toils and tears. He also said that it is an occasion to introspect and ponder over the utility of such degrees and certificates for meeting the challenges of the outside world and for grabbing the existing opportunities for bettering their lives and of those around. He asked them if they have acquired out-of-box thinking ability to successfully deal with the contemporary challenges being faced by humanity today.

The Governor appreciated the people of Nagaland for protecting and preserving their traditional knowledge and value systems in forms of their tribal languages, folk dance, food and food habits, arts and artifacts etc. He said that it is the responsibility of Nagaland University to create enabling ecology through relevant centers of knowledge to promote and preserve the

ancient wisdom of Naga people. Prof. Mukhi said that it is very unfortunate that many students with their degrees from universities are willing to join only the government sector, even on contractual basis. He encouraged them to look for ways to be innovative and start working avenues for them. He also urged that they should to become job creators rather than job seekers and improve the entrepreneurial landscape of our state.

The Governor expressed his happiness to learn that the University is fully prepared and whole heartedly geared up for implementing the New Education Policy, 2020 from the forthcoming academic session, 2022-2023. He expressed hoped, the New Education Policy, if implemented successfully, would bridge the gap between job seekers and job givers and would be able to create a pool of young minds empowered with the elements of innovation, creativity and desired skills to meet the national as well as the global standards.

Total number of candidates who received Gold medals in person was 111 and total number of candidates receiving degree certificate in person was 194. Earlier, Dr. Abemo, Registrar declared the convocation welcome address while report of university was delivered by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pardeshi Lal.

REVIEW MEETING ON COMMUNITISATION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS & SERVICES ACT 2002 HELD

A review meeting of the Banuo Jamir Committee on Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002 was held with the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS on

17th March 2022 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Banuo Jamir stated that the Committee was set up via a Government notification



A review meeting of the Banuo Jamir Committee on Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002 was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th March 2022.

dated 10th July 2020 to study the strength and weaknesses of the Act, to study the existing gap in the functioning of the stakeholder departments in implementation of the Act and to identify areas of concern and to suggest remedial measures for improvement in the delivery of public services and/or omission of services from preview of the Act. She stated that extensive study in the field has been conducted with engagement of

all stakeholders and departments concerned. The Committee has made various observations and has flagged areas of concern and made recommendations for the way forward.

The Chief Secretary hoped that the final report of the committee will help the Government implement the Act successfully and benefit the people of the State.

MERITORIOUS SPORTSPERSONS FELICITATED

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Nagaland awarded cash prize to the meritorious sportspersons for the year 2019-2020 at a cash award ceremony held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 17th March 2022.

Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Wezope Kenye, who was the special guest, stated that awards are a special way to encourage performance and to inculcate a competitive spirit. He added that it is an occasion of great joy and award winning ceremony holds the topmost spot as it provides with an opportunity to address the community and share the achievements.

Cash prize to meritorious sportspersons for 23rd Junior National Sepaktakraw Championship, 2019 were awarded Rs 10,000 each to 10 persons who got Gold; Rs. 7,000 each to five persons who got silver medal; for the 30th National Sepaktakraw Championship, 2020 an amount of Rs. 21,000 each to five persons who got silver and Rs. 11,000 each to seventeen persons who got Bronze Medal. An amount of Rs. 11,000 was given to one person for the 5th International Karate Championship who got Bronze and Rs. 11,000 to two persons for the 15th All India Independence Cup International Karate

Championship 2019. Cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each to five persons who got gold medal and an amount of Rs. 7,000 to three persons who got silver medal and Rs. 5,000 to three persons who got Bronze medal in the particular event.

An amount of Rs. 10,000 each to five persons each who won gold medal and Rs. 7,000 each to three persons who got silver medal and Rs. 5,000 each to three persons who got Bronze medal at the 6th ISKF National Open Karate Championship 2019. An amount of Rs. 10,000 each to ten persons who won gold medal and Rs. 7,000 to one person who won silver medal and Rs. 5,000 each to four persons for the 3rd Kukkiwon Cup International Taekwondo Championship 2019. An amount of Rs. 10,000 each to all the medal winners which includes six persons of UAMAI, National Muaythai Youth Championship which was held at Assam in 2019.

Two persons were given Rs. 8,000 each

who won gold medal in the XVIII World Police and Fire Games (Archery). Cash prize of Rs. 8,000 each to two persons who won gold in the 4th North East Open Tennis Tournament 2016. One person was awarded Rs. 7,000 for winning silver medal in the National Level Rural Sports Competition Wrestling held at Telangana in 2016 and another Rs. 8,000 to one person who won gold medal in the First North East Olympic Games in shot put (men) held at Imphal in 2018. Rs. 5,000 each were given to twenty persons who won bronze medal in the 10th North East Dr. T. Ao Football Championship held at Kohima in 2020.

Cash amounting to Rs. 1,00,000 each was given to five coaches which include Junior State Volleyball Coach, Repatemjen; Junior State Hockey Coach, Tosovi Anthony Kharutso; Junior State Sepaktakraw Coach, Hosishe Khrieo; Junior State Taekwondo Coach, Visabiu Peseyie and Boxing Coach, L. Chophy.

ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEETH NLA HELD



Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi addressing the 11th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 19th March 2022.

The 11th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly commenced on 19th March 2022 at NLA Secretariat, Kohima with Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi addressing the August House.

OBITUARY REFERENCE:

Obituary reference to the passing away of Dr. Kakheto Zhimomi, former MLA in February 2022, was made by the Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer. Late Dr. Kakheto Zhimomi, former Member of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly was born on 3rd August 1951, and first joined the Medical Department as Assistant Surgeon in Naga Civil Hospital Kohima in 1978 and later

served as Radiologist from 1984 till 1986. He resigned from the active Government service in 1986. He first contested the general election as candidate from Naga People's Party in 1991 but was not elected. He later on successfully contested from the Ghaspani Assemble Constituency in 1993 and was appointed as the Minister of Fisheries and Home Guards and served in the same position till 1998. The House observed five minute silence in respect of the departed soul.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

Addressing the Eleventh Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Governor, Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said he was elated to address the August House, where the Members have come together to form an opposition-less Government, the United Democratic Alliance Government, to pursue an early solution to the Naga Political Issue.

The Governor highlighted the consultative meeting on Naga Peace Process held on 9th March 2022 with various organizations, political parties, and all the members of the NLA, where a resolution was adopted reiterating the Naga people's yearning for an early political solution. He hoped that with the concern being shown by everyone, the long-cherished solution will soon become a reality and a new era of peace and prosperity will begin in the State.

On the Oting incident, the Governor stated that the Government took every possible step to lessen the pain of the victim families. It provided prompt succour in the form of monetary compensation; a job in the State Government to the next of kin of all the deceased and the entire medical care needs of those injured was looked after by the District Administration. He also said

that it approached the Government of India for taking up certain developmental projects in the affected areas, which besides assuring the traumatized populace, will also help in faster development of the area. Prof. Mukhi added that the Special Investigation Team investigating the matter has worked at a good pace and has completed its investigation and that the Army has also constituted a Court of Inquiry in the matter and it is also expected to complete its inquiry soon.

The Governor stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has tested the capabilities and health capacities of the State like never before. He asserted the Government besides taking several preventive measures and curbs to curtail the spread of the virus, also took all possible steps to ramp up the health infrastructure and ensure all the necessary medical interventions for the treatment of the infected, and to save lives. He also urged the public to get fully vaccinated at the earliest.

Highlighting the creation of the four new districts of the State, Prof. Mukhi stated that the Government has always been for taking every possible step to bring development to the doorstep of every person. He said the creation of Tseminyu district realizes the aspirations of the Rengma people to have a district of their own and Shamator district's creation is also the fulfillment of the desire of the Yimkhiung and Tikhir people to have a separate district and resolving their decades-old disputes amicably, which also led to the recognition of Tikhir as a separate Naga Tribe. He added the up-gradation of Niuland to a full-fledged district was required on administrative grounds, and the creation of Chumoukedima district resolved the matter regarding the headquarters of the erstwhile Dimapur district.

On the demands received for the creation of new districts, he said the Government, keeping with the Motto of Unity, would not like to divide any single-tribe district.

Stressing on the need to have duly elected bodies for governing towns and cities, the Governor said the issue of elections for the Urban Local Bodies in the State has been resolved in the Consultative Meeting held on 9th March 2022, to conduct the elections as per the 74th Amendment Act of the Constitution. On the issue of the inter-state borders in Mokokchung with Assam, which became tense due to stand-offs between the police forces of Nagaland and Assam, he said the situation was diffused in time by ensuring the simultaneous withdrawal of the police personnel of both the states, after reaching a joint agreement. He expressed happiness that the August House has constituted a Select Committee headed by the Chief Minister to examine and inter-alia find ways for amicable settlement of the border issue of the State with Assam, and that the Committee has taken positive steps towards this end.

Prof. Mukhi said he was delighted to note that the State Government is also taking steps to resolve the issues concerning oil and petroleum exploration. He said the Chief Minister of Assam has positively indicated for equally dividing the proceeds of Petroleum and Oil exploration and extraction between the two states in sectors A, B & C in the DAB area. Outside the DAB, for exploration and extraction, he said the Government of India has to recognize the ownership for the indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland and the constitutional protection granted to them under Article 371(A) of the Constitution regarding the transfer of land and its resources, and thereafter devise a mutually

agreed, suitable mechanism for payment of royalty and issue of PELs.

The Governor stated that implementing the online ILP module for all the categories of ILP in the State is an appreciated step towards e-governance. He said the Chief Minister of Nagaland inaugurated the 11th NAP (IR) Battalion Headquarters at Aboi on 29th April, 2021, and unveiled the Foundation Plaque of the Nagaland Police Sports Battalion on the 12th of November 2021. He informed that the Nagaland Police had a significant achievement when it seized 290 gold bars weighing 48.14 kg, worth over Rs. 22.78 crore, which is the single biggest seizure of the smuggled bullion in the State and the Department during the year 2021, seized drugs worth Rs. 64.19 crore.

Prof. Mukhi stated that the Regional Response Centre (RRC), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) occupied its site at Chiechama, Kohima and the District Jail at Longleng was inaugurated on 18th November 2021.

Terming the agriculture sector as the mainstay of the State's economy, the Agri & Allied Departments have made necessary interventions for alleviating the hardships faced by the farmers. Prof. Mukhi said the Agriculture Department has certified 13,000 hectares under organic certification to get a premium price for the farmers, with the Organic AC Market in Dimapur under Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board (NSAMB) facilitating the marketing of 230.00 metric tonnes of organic food products till date and added that the newly constructed District Agriculture Office at Tuensang was inaugurated on 8th February 2022.

The Governor said the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

is setting up three Model Piggery Farms at an estimated cost of Rs. 300.00 lakh with funding from NABARD to produce piglets for enhancing finisher pig. Similarly, to develop other species of livestock, the Department under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) has established one Gokul Gram on Mithun at Jotsoma Village Community Reserved Forest, which has a capacity for production of up to 200 Pure Naga Mithun (Male line). Further, one Community Thotho Cattle Farm at Kidima village has also been established having a capacity of 200 Indigenous Thotho.

Prof. Mukhi stated that the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources envisages local production of about 9,150 metric tonnes during the year 2021-22 and in addition, a bulk quantity of 3,700 metric tonne fish is being supplemented from outside the State to meet the demand for fish consumption. The Governor stated that Sericulture Department during the year 2021-22, has taken up an area of 1,000 acres of land for cultivation of Silkworm host plants and silkworm rearing activities under both State and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

To address the farmers' needs and to know their soil status, the Governor stated that a "State Soil Testing Laboratory" at Kohima was inaugurated by Union Minister, Kishan Reddy on 24th September 2021 and full-fledged Soil Testing Laboratories (STL) have been established in all the districts.

Prof. Mukhi informed that the Department of Rural Development under MGNREGS during 2021-22, received a total of Rs. 46,932.37 lakh with the Central share being Rs. 42,575.09 lakh against a total of 8,596 works/projects. A total of 4.54 lakh job cards have been issued and 7.49 lakh workers registered. In 2021-22, a total of 139.36 lakh person-days employment was

generated. Under PMAY-G, for the year 2022-23, an amount of Rs. 1740.67 lakh as Centre's share and Rs. 193.32 lakh as State share have been earmarked with a target to construct 5,900 houses in the State, he added.

Prof. Mukhi said the Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) launched the Mongken Apparel and Home furnishing production at Dimapur in September 2021. Under Pradhan Mantri Van DhanYojana (PMVDY) programme under TRIFED, the Department is partnering with Tribes India for joint retail network and marketing of local products.

The Governor stated the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is implementing the Nagaland Forest Management project, which is an Externally Aided project funded by JICA, Government of Japan and it has so far covered 91 villages across the State in two batches. The Department is implementing another Externally Aided Project, under Indo – German Financial Cooperation from KfW, Germany called "Forest & Biodiversity Management in the Himalaya, Nagaland" for conservation of biodiversity rich areas and livelihood improvement. The State Forest Development Agency under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) has brought an area of 63,933 hectares covering 1,161 villages under afforestation, he said.

The Governor stated that the Department of School Education has conducted 'Online Tele/Radio Educational Broadcast' for the benefit of all students across the State during the lockdown period and has also developed the 'Nagaland Education Management and Information System (NEMIS)' to monitor the functioning of all types of schools including Child Tracking in the State on a real-time basis. Nagaland has made appreciable progress in the implementation

of the 'National Education Policy 2020' which commenced in a phased manner from the later part of 2020. The Department is implementing the World Bank assisted Project, 'The Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR)' since April 2021 which aims to improve the State School Governance Index, improve in teaching, and enhance the overall learning environment in Government Schools. He further added that with the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the State Government has designated the SCERT as the nodal agency for the development of the State Curriculum Framework (SCF) in line with the NEP 2020.

The Governor highlighted that the Department of Higher and Technical Education, through the Centrally sponsored scheme of RUSA, is constructing among others a Professional College of Music & Fine Arts at Tsiesema, Kohima, one Engineering College at Tzurangsa, Mokokchung and one New Model Degree College at Tzupaksa, Mokokchung, The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) New Delhi has approved the accreditation status for Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering programs for the academic years 2021-22 to 2023-2024 at Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu. He also added that the Academic Session of the newly established Government Polytechnic Aboi, Mon, has started from the year 2021-22 with Civil Engineering Course with an intake capacity of 30 students.

The Governor also addressed that the Department of Geology & Mining under the Regional Coal Exploration program, exploration of an area covering 13.7 Sq. Km. in Changki Block has been completed with an estimated deposit of 148.86 MMT. Exploration of limestone in Salumi

Block, Kiphire district covering an area of 0.79 Sq. Km. has also been completed with estimated deposits of 7.59 MMT. The Department has also carried out geological mapping of Nickel-Cobalt-Chromium-Magnetite in Mollen-Jopi-Ziphu areas of 103 Sq. Km. under Phek district, the Governor stated.

The Governor also added that the Department of Industries & Commerce has set up six clusters, and 550 Artisans have been trained, at Longwa, Pfutsero, Longleng, Gathashi, Jalukie and Tuli.

Prof. Mukhi highlighted that the Department of Information & Public Relations through the Nagaland Journalists' Operational Subsidy provides journalists with less than five years' experience Rs. 4000 monthly, and Rs. 6000 monthly to those with more than five years' experience. As of June 2021, there are 52 State Accredited Journalists. The Department has also launched its Mobile App 'DIPR Nagaland' on 1st December 2021, he added.

On implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the State, the Governor stated that the Department of Public Health Engineering has provided 222 habitations with 100% Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC). The Department also plans to cover a total of 513 habitations with drinking water supply under JJM during 2022-23, he added.

Governor Mukhi added that under the Chief Minister Corpus Fund, 47 tractors with accessories were distributed to farmers while financial assistance was provided to 80 entrepreneurs for self-employment in sawmill, hardware shop, mechanized furniture unit, garment shop, pharmacy, grocery shop, stone crusher, etc. He also added that 18 Naga students have been sponsored for studying at

Netaji Subash Chandra Sainik School run by Lokseva Trust at Pune.

To reduce expenditure from power purchase, Governor Mukhi stated that the Department of Power has enhanced renewable energy generation in line with the Government of India's Policy for renewable capacity addition and has proposed four sustainable projects. These projects are expected to generate total annual energy of 38.41 Million Units. The Department has also signed a power purchase agreement for sourcing power from the 20 MW Solar Power Plant coming up at Ganeshnagar in Chumoukedima district in the private sector.

The Governor informed that the Tribal Affairs Department has completed the selection of sites for 11 (eleven) EMR schools across the State for the year 2021-22. The schools have been sanctioned for Rs. 26 crore each by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Prof. Mukhi also highlighted that the Department of Women Resource Development has been able to train 250 women farmers in four districts on Post-Harvest Management of Resources, Soft Skills, Marketing, and Menstrual Health Management as part of a convergence programme with the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship under the Community Based Skill Development Programme for Women (SANKALP Project).

The Governor stated that as part of the endeavor to scale up the State's existing sports facilities up to the world standard level, the Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima has been designated as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) in three disciplines, namely, Wrestling, Archery, and Boxing under Khelo India Centre (KIC). The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (India) has approved the opening of 19 KICs in 11 Districts of Nagaland

for various disciplines like Football, Shooting, Badminton, Table Tennis, Archery, and Hockey.

The first batch of beneficiaries of the Chief Minister's Scholarship for Music 2021 have been sent to undergo a three-month customized professional course in music at KM Music Conservatory, Chennai Tamil Nadu. Under infrastructure works, the State's 1st Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence (RCSE) for Archery, Shooting discipline, Adventure & Motor Sports, and Futsal at Sovima was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland on 27th January 2022.

Governor Prof. Mukhi stated that the State has set ambitious targets for inclusive development within the State and has already formulated its Sustainable Development Goals Vision 2030 document. 'Nagaland SDG Vision 2030: Leaving No One Behind' was launched in August 2021. It has been prepared through a participatory approach to create a holistic pathway for the inclusive development of Nagaland.

NLA INTRODUCES NEVA IN ITS SESSION:

Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer during the Eleventh Session of Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly read out the statement on NEVA (National E-VIDHAN). According to the statement, NEVA is a medium, e-tablet, e-book focused on paperless to work effectively with transparency during the Assembly sessions. It is to note that Nagaland is the first state in the country to operationalize NEVA with 90% funded by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, GoI, and 10% by the State Government.

ASSENT TO BILLS:

Dr. P.J. Anthony Commissioner & Secretary reported the assent of the Governor

of Nagaland to the following Bills during the Eleventh Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 21st March 2022:

- i) Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2021.
- ii) The Nagaland Goods & Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2021.
- iii) The Nagaland Lokayukta (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021.

LAYING OF REPORTS/RULES:

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio laid the following reports/rules:

1. The Nagaland Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Rules, 2022.
2. Rules of Micro & Small Enterprises Facilities council (MSEFC) Under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006).
3. Nagaland State Disaster Management Rules, 2007
4. The Nagaland Government Printing press (Technical) Amended Service Rules,
5. The Nagaland Public Service Commission (Chairman, Members & Staff) Regulations, 2008 (with amendment up to 13-12-2021)
6. Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the years 2009-10 to 2017-18.

Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2021 - 2022) presented the following:

1. Seventy-Sixth Report on the Nagaland Building and other Construction Workers
2. Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service Rules, 2010.
3. Seventy-Seventh Report on the Tribal Affairs Department Service Rules, 2020.

Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (2021-2022), K. Tokugha Sukhalu presented a copy each of the following:

- i) 126th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2021-2022) Action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the 120th Report of the Committee on the C & AG Report of India for the year 2012-2013.
- ii) 127th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2021-2022) Action taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the 122nd Report of the Committee on the C&AG Report of India for the year 2013-2014.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF GOVERNMENT BILLS:

- a) Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Home, and Roads & Bridges, Y. Patton moved and passed the Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils (Fifth Amendment) Bill 2022.
- b) Minister of Soil & Water Conservation, and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam, moved and passed the Nagaland Groundwater (Regulation & Control of Development and Management) Bill, 2020.
- c) Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio, moved the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 and the Bill was passed by the House. The Supplementary Demand for Grant for the year 2021-2022 was also passed during the day.
- d) The Chief Minister also moved the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2022 (Supplementary 2021-2022) and the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 2) Bill

2022 (Budget 2022-2023). The Bills were introduced and taken into consideration, and were passed by the House.

- e) Voting on the Demand for Grants for the Year 2022-2023 was also passed by the House.

PRESENTATION OF THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA'S (C&AG) REPORT:

Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge of Finance Neiphiu Rio, presented the following:

- i) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March 2020 (Report No.1 of 2021).
- ii) Appropriation Accounts 2019-20
- iii) Finance Accounts (Volume-I) 2019-20
- iv) Finance Accounts (Volume II) 2019-20

PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022:

Chief Minister of Nagaland and Minister-in-Charge of Finance Neiphiu Rio, presented the Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2021-2022.

LAYING OF REVIEW OF THE TRENDS IN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE BY THE MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR 2021-22:

Chief Minister of Nagaland and Minister-in-Charge of Finance Neiphiu Rio, laid a copy of the Review of the Trends in Receipts and Expenditure for the First, Second and Third quarter of the year 2021-22, as required under Section 11 of the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act 2005.

DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS:

Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye, while participating in the debate, said that the Governor's Address indicated the success of the government's policies and its activities which shows the commitment of the present-day government to take the state forward in all-round development.

Dr. Imtiwapang Aier, MLA made suggestions for corrective measures in regard to border issues, especially in Mokokchung district. He also asked the Government to streamline the ways and means regarding petroleum and natural resources as envisaged in Article 371(A) of the Constitution of India for the benefit of the people of Nagaland. Dr. Aier requested the government to place the SIT Report of the Oting incident at the earliest and urged the government to also meet the aspirations of the Naga people regarding the construction of Foothill Road so as to ease the inconveniences faced by the commuters.

MLA, Yitachu asked the Government to not only look into the problems between Assam-Nagaland borders but also with Arunachal Pradesh, Myanmar and Manipur. He requested the House to initiate help to the deprived Naga people who are settled in these bordering areas, and suggested that the areas bordering Myanmar should have developmental activities. Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan lauded the Government of the day for the creation of four new districts, which is to bring not only development at the doorsteps but also to fulfill the aspirations of the people. On Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he said it is a notable initiative by the Government with its theme "Leaving no one behind."

Imkong L. Imchen, MLA mentioned the need to declare and upgrade Meluri sub-division as a full-fledged district, requesting the House to take into consideration the size of the landmass of Meluri, the remoteness of the area as well as the rich mineral deposits in the area and that the up-gradation would be economically beneficial not just for the people of Meluri but also for the entire State. On the allocation of reserved seats for women in the ULBs, Dr. Chumben Murry, MLA suggested that any formula for the reservation should be comprehensive of the whole duration that will be imposed, i.e. for 15 years or three terms.

In his concluding remarks and moving the Adoption of Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address, the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the State Government has exhibited unity to form an oppositionless government when it came to Naga Political Issue. Speaking on remarks and suggestions by the Members on the Governor's Address, Rio said the desire of the people to demand a new district for their tribes or their people has come up, and a Committee headed by the Commissioner of Nagaland has been created for such concerns. He said that if the State takes delimitation into consideration and tries to rearrange the constituencies, it can meet the demands of the people.

Regarding the inter-state boundary issues with Assam, Arunachal, Manipur, and also with Myanmar, Rio said that the Government is taking things in a positive manner through proper negotiations and talks. On the issue of oil and natural gas exploration in the Assam-Nagaland border, he said that the State would take steps to seek cooperation from the Centre and Government of Assam and also share royalties.

Rio said the ULB election will be

conducted as per the resolution passed during the Consultative meeting held on 9th March 2022, adding that the elections would be held as per the 74th Amendment of the Constitution of India for which, steps have been taken up to conduct the elections, and preparation of intensive electoral roll will be carried out. He said, for the ULB elections, intensive updation of the electoral roll is being carried out and 29 towns were identified; citing the example of Manipur not having problems with taxation and reservation, the smaller towns can adopt the same rural town systems so that those towns can get VDB funding, and other district headquarters that are willing to urbanize can take up ULB and update the towns

Rio said the foothill area stretching from Nagaland to Manipur border is considered a 'Rice bowl and rich in mineral deposits, and its construction has been delayed due to border issues and financial constraints. The State Government has pleaded to the Central Government for declaration of it as a National Highway but it needed prior approval of the Prime Minister since NH has been moved out from MoRTH. Since there was a hue and cry for completion of this road, due to which funds have been provided for construction of Doyang Bridge, it will be completed before monsoon, he added. In other areas of the foothill road, the tender has been floated and orders are being issued for construction before the monsoon. Rio also assured to give more funds from other sources in the event of funding delay from the Central government so as to make this road pliable.

DELIBERATION ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE:

Imkong L. Imchen, MLA while initiating the 'Discussion on Matters of Urgent Public

Importance pertaining to the Naga Political Issue' on the third day of 11th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, stated that the Naga Political Issue occupies the top most priority for discussion in the House on matters of urgent public importance. Imchen said that it has now been 25 years since the political talks started and yet, there is no sign of progress coming out of it. He put forth his stance against the present prevailing Naga Society which is full of violence, intimidation, extortion, threats etc. reiterating that invoking of Article 356 of the Constitution of India may be the rightful answer to the cries of the Naga people.

Advisor for Technical Education and Elections, Medo Yhokha said the stalemate on the issue of agreement should not prolong anymore without settlement since the younger generation of our society will go through another similar situation of what we have been facing today. Tribal or faction dominance over the issue should not be allowed to sabotage the peace process, Yhokha added.

Advisor, Science and Technology, IT and NRE, Mmhonlumo Kikon pointed out that the Parliamentary Core Committee constituted by the House, irrespective of party affiliation, is to play as a stakeholder and people's representative and the elected members are working tirelessly as facilitators for early political settlement which is transparent and honourable to the Naga people. Kikon called upon the Members of the Legislative Assembly to be role models in bringing justice to the people, relating to any matter.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio voiced disappointment that after much discussions, debates, consultations with Naga People Organizations and with the Assembly passing many resolutions urging the

negotiating parties to come together to work for the good of the people and inspite of talks being concluded on 31st October 2019, things are still not clear. He also questioned that if the national workers are working for Nagas, and what is stopping them from coming together.

MLA H. Chuba Chang said that our collective duty today is to carry out what needs to be done, rather than criticising the blunders made in the past. The Nagas are in the dark regarding their future, and so the desire today is to declare the solution to the Naga Political Issue. He questioned the prospects of the future generation, and the legacy that will be left behind, if the decision for a peaceful and amicable solution is not taken now, and called on the Naga People to come out and voice their desire unitedly.

Yitachu MLA said that State is suffering from justice deficiency and that this was the sole root cause for so many groups and factions and disunity among the people. He said that the role of the Legislators as Facilitators cannot be undermined and to say that the Legislators have no role in the Naga Political talks is completely out of context, and the coming together of the 60 legislators as one should be taken as an opportunity to convince the Government of India to take up the issue seriously and come to an amicable settlement at the earliest.

Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Imna Along said that today, our people are afraid to speak the truth and that the civil societies are divided because of the need to please one or the other group in order to avoid confrontations. He stressed on the need to make compromises at the negotiating table and come to a common ground for the sake of the people and that the Government of India also being

under the Constitution of India can never agree to anything that is beyond the purview of the Constitution.

Recalling the hardships that our society has endured, MLA, E. E. Pangteang stated since the Naga Peace Talk is in its final stage, it is for the NGOs, Civil Societies, political parties, negotiating parties to unite and take it forward, work on it, so as to arrive at a peaceful solution to the decades old peace talk.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio pointed out that the Naga Political Issue is discussed in every session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly as it remains the top agenda of the State Government, and also because the representatives of the people need to express the feelings and desires of the people. He stated that 3 (three) resolutions on the Naga Political Issue have been passed in the August House during the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly, and 17 (seventeen) resolutions on the Naga Political Issue have been passed in the August House since 1964.

Rio stated that the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) 1958 was imposed in the State of Nagaland even before statehood, and besides the atrocities caused by the insurgency counter movement in the past, the recent unfortunate incident at Oting village in Mon district led to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly passing a resolution on repealing of AFSPA in Nagaland, but if solution is not arrived at, and insurgency activities continues, the future of the younger generation remains at stake.

The Framework Agreement between the Government of India and NSCN-IM was signed on 3rd August 2015, and the Agreed Position was signed between the Government of India and the NNPGs on 17th November 2017, and to reach

an amicable solution acceptable to both sides, the talk was concluded on 31st October 2019. On March (5-7) 2009, a Naga Consultative Meet was held at Kohima, and in a first of its kind, this meet was participated by all sections of the society, and adopted six point resolutions, including six points recommendation. In 2009, a Joint Legislature Forum was organised to unite, to move and to resolve the objectives of this resolutions. In 2018, a Joint Legislators Forum was reconstituted and adopted the urging the Central Government to conclude the Naga Political Solution and to work out a solution which is inclusive.

Rio stated that because settlement could not be made, the 60 elected legislators had come together for early realization of a solution, and for that on 9th March 2022, a consultative meeting with all stakeholders was held. Rio appealed to the negotiating parties to come together and make a settlement, and he declared that if settlement cannot come, then there should be fresh mandate by the people on how to pursue the Naga Political Issue. With the Government of India recognising it as a political issue and the former Prime Minister, Vajpayee declaring it as unique, and that being the basis of negotiation, he stated that the elected members, Naga leaders, churches and even youth needs to be included. Neiphiu Rio reiterated for the Naga Political Issue to be pursued through non-violence.

CM NEIPHIU RIO PRESENTS BUDGET FOR 2022-2023:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio presented the final budget of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly for the year 2022-23 on 22nd March 2022.

Stating that at the top of the State Government's agenda is the early resolution



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio presenting the State Budget for 2022-2023 at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 23rd March 2022.

of the Indo-Naga political issue, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the August House has passed a number of resolutions over the years. Consultative meetings were held with all stakeholders on 15th October 2021 and again on 9th March 2022. On 18th September 2021, all the political parties represented in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly came together to form the UDA and all the 60 Members of the August House are united with the single objective of working for a solution to the Naga issue. While appreciating the constant contributions of the mass based Civil Societies, Tribal Hohos, Church organisations and NGOs in the search for peace, Rio appealed to all sections to rededicate to the cause of unity, oneness, understanding and true peace.

Rio said that the State Government has recently created the new districts of Chumoukedima, Niuland, Tseminyu and Shamator. Earlier Noklak was also created. He hoped this will go a long way in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people from these areas, and bring the functioning and activities of the Government closer to their doorsteps for better delivery of services.

The Chief Minister said his Government is also actively pursuing for setting up a separate

High Court for the State at the earliest. The Parliament is expected to enact the Act to set up a separate High Court for the State this year.

Rio stated that the State Government has made various efforts to create a conducive environment for private initiatives to flourish. After passing the resolution that the SARFAESI Act would be made applicable to the State with the safeguard that land will not be alienated from indigenous inhabitants, banks have started sanctioning loans and credit flow to businesses and entrepreneurs have picked up, addressing the earlier hardships faced by them. RBI has given the permission for opening of bank branches in the unbanked blocks of Sakshi in Longleng and Chessore in Shamator.

The Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative was introduced during the year to make credit more affordable and available to individuals, Self Help Groups and Farmer Producer Organisations. In order to do so, the Government will provide for either subsidy or interest subvention against identified activities in the agriculture and allied sector including for processing units, handicrafts and small-scale manufacturing units. As a part of this initiative to promote the agri and allied sector, the removal of the stamp duty on crop loans will be notified shortly, Rio added. An amount of Rs. 65 crore is earmarked for this scheme.

Rio said that for the past two years, the State has grappled with COVID-19 and despite the difficult times we are passing through, the last few months have shown a substantial turnaround in our economy.

The country's GST collections have reached Rs. 1,40,986 crore during January 2022, and our own revenues are also showing

a healthy increase. As a result, the Government is able to allocate an amount of Rs. 775 crore for the State Development Outlay of 2022-23. This represents an increase of 10.71% over last year's outlay.

In the State Development Outlay for 2022-23, efforts have been made to ensure that priority is given to completion of ongoing projects, and to projects that have a multiplier effect in creating livelihoods and local economies. Rs. 225.85 buildings or residential quarters. Rs. 122.06 crore is earmarked for road and other infrastructure related activities. A higher amount of Rs. 276 crore have been earmarked for State Share to CSS to facilitate access to more Central funds, out of which 30% of the allocation is being provided upfront to the CSS implementing departments to be reflected in their Demands for Grants of 2022-23. This should enable the departments to get their first installments early and thereby improve implementation of the schemes.

The Chief Minister mentioned that Rs. 33.23 crore have been earmarked for the Agri and Allied Sector. Also, Rs. 11.75 crore has been earmarked as the first tranche of State Share for CSS from the 30% allocated department-wise. Rs. 1.50 crore has been provided for Farmers Training and Exposure visits to introduce them to best practices. Rs. 1.04 crore has been provided for construction of offices and staff quarters at various places. As part of the continuing programme, an amount of Rs. 6 crore has been provided for development of agri and horti link roads under Agriculture and Horticulture departments respectively.

An amount of Rs. 3.14 crore has been allocated for the Soil & Water Conservation

Department for core activities and integrated land development. An amount of Rs. 3.50 crore has been allocated for the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department for setting up model piggery units and strengthening institutes. An amount of Rs. 3.84 crore is allocated for the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department for core activities, integrated fishery development, sports fishing and upgradation of Government Fish Farms.

An amount of Rs. 2 crore is allocated to Forest Department for plantation of fruits and trees of economic importance. The allocation of Rs. 1 crore for the Cooperation Department is for its core activities. The allocation of Rs. 4 crore for the Land Resources Department is for purchase of rubber sheet roller machines, maintenance of coffee plantations, arecanut plantations and value addition of natural teas. The Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency, the Bio Resources Mission and the Bee and Honey Mission have been provided Rs. 1 crore each and NEPED has been provided Rs. 75 lakh.

Rio stated that with a view to tap the Centrally Sponsored Schemes more effectively, the Government has earmarked first tranche of Rs. 21 crore from the 30% State Share for CSS allocated department-wise for the Rural Development schemes. In addition, Rs. 9 crore has been earmarked for the sector, out of which Rs. 5 crore is for upgradation of rural roads, Rs. 1 crore each for core activities and for construction of Training and Research Centre in Rural Technology for Tribal Regions and construction of academic-cum-administration block at SIRD.

The Special Area Programme has been provided with an outlay of Rs. 121 crore. This includes funds for Local Area Development, and

for iconic projects in all 60 Constituencies. The Government has increased the allocation from Rs. 21 crore to Rs. 23 crore for the Department of Development of Under Developed Areas (DUDA).

The Water Resources sector has been provided with an outlay of Rs. 4 crore for creation of water harvesting structures and other departmental activities.

The Government has provided an outlay of Rs. 18.03 crore to the Power sector with special emphasis on projects aimed at exploiting the potential for generation of power in the state. Funds have been provided for completion of Ponglefo and Tehok hydro electric projects. Clearance have also been obtained for hydro-power projects for 24 MW at Zungki and 42 MW at Lower Tizu for funding by ADB and expect these to fructify during the year. External aid funding of the 24 MW Hydro power project at Tizu Valley is also being taken up during the year. Land owner issues have been resolved for the proposed 186 MW hydro power project at Dikhu and activities will start very soon. The State Government has given clearance for a 21 MW hydro power project at Hakchang village in Tuensang district and 27 MW thermal project at Tuli, which are expected to be operational during 2022-23.

Chief Minister Rio also said that funds have been provided to set up a 5 MW solar plant under the Department of New & Renewable Energy. In the private sector, the 20 MW solar power project in Ganeshnagar is expected to be fully operational during the year. The New & Renewable Energy sector has also been provided Rs. 2 crore for solar street lights and core activities. Rs. 50 lakh has been provided to the Electrical Inspectorate for Green Village

Initiative.

Rio mentioned that the total provision for power purchase during the current year stands at Rs. 461.62 crore. Cost of power purchase have increased from Rs. 296.97 crore during 2017-18 to an estimated figure of Rs. 459.47 crore during 2021-22. The department has through sustained efforts managed to reduce it to Rs. 266.47 crore in RE 2021-22, and efforts will continue to further reduce this gap in the coming years. These huge shortfalls in revenue collection are mainly on account of power theft and non-payment of bills. To put a check on theft, the Power Department has recently started a drive against illegal power tapping and disconnection of lines for non-payment. The Department is also implementing pre-paid metering in a phased manner. During the current financial year, the revenue is expected to cross Rs. 200 crore.

The Industries & Minerals Sector has been provided an outlay of Rs. 14.40 crore to facilitate entrepreneurship and start-ups, ease of doing business, construction of common facility-cum-training centre for NKVIB and construction of offices.

The Sericulture Department has been provided Rs. 4 crore for construction of staff quarters and augmentation of silk production. The Geology & Mining Department has been provided Rs. 4.50 crore of which Rs. 2.50 crore is earmarked for shifting of the Decorative Stone Cutting Centre from Chümoukedima to Ganeshnagar.

The PWD (Roads & Bridges) Department has been provided with an outlay of Rs. 45.00 crore. Of this, Rs. 25.00 crore has been earmarked for Special Road Development Programme and Rs. 10.00 crore for improvement of other roads.

In order to support the various infrastructural works, Rs. 4 crore has been provided to the Mechanical Engineering wing under the NPWD for augmenting their machineries and spares.

The Department of Transport has been provided Rs. 4 crore for purchase of a new fleet of modern buses during the year to provide more efficiency and comfort to the passengers. Construction of heliports have been taken up in various parts of the State during the previous years, and during the financial year, the network will be extended. With a view to strengthen and modernise the Regional Transport Offices and the regulatory activities assigned to it, Rs. 2.50 crore is provided for construction of RTO offices and core activities.

The Department of Science & Technology has been provided Rs. 3.00 crore (Rs. 2.50 crore is allotted for core activities and towards construction of staff quarters and Rs. 50 lakh for introduction of new brick making technology). The Department of Information Technology & Communication has been provided with Rs. 4.17 crore for carrying out core activities, procurement of IT equipment and further strengthening of the State Data Centre, which will help in rolling out more public oriented online services.

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly has achieved the distinction of being the first Legislature in the country to implement National e-Vidhan Application and going paperless. Rio urged the Members of the August House, Government servants and public institutions to use the tools of technology to improve productivity and provide better public services.

The Department of Youth Services & Sports have been provided Rs. 8.75 crore

for capacity building of youth, for activities of the Task Force on Music and Arts, for Hornbill Festival related activities and for various sports activities. The country's first ever Police Sports Battalion was launched on 12th November 2021, which has been well appreciated in the rest of the country. Rio assured of completing the Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex at Dimapur so that the State is ready to host national and regional games.

On March 26, 2022, Nagaland will be hosting its biggest ever sporting event in the form of the South Asian Cross Country Championships being hosted by India with Kohima as the Host City. Athletes and officials from all over South Asia and every State and Union Territory of the Indian Union will be participating. This will be a landmark event for our State. In April 2022, the next edition of the Nagaland Olympics will also be conducted where sportspersons and youth from every corner of Nagaland will exhibit their talents and strive towards reaching the highest standards. Dr. T. Ao Tournament at Mokokchung will also be organised during April 2022.

Rio stated that the Social Services Sector has been provided with an outlay of Rs. 131 crore. Of this, the Department of School Education has been provided Rs. 6.56 crore for construction of GHS, DEO/SDEO offices and for extension of classrooms. Rs. 7.00 crore has been provided as the first tranche of State Share of CSS from the 30% allocated department wise. He added that Rs. 2.50 crore has been earmarked for construction of a 60 bedded Girls Hostel at Sainik School Punglwa to ensure that the Sainik School is fully ready within the year for girl cadets to be admitted under the new policy of opening the Sainik Schools for enrolment of girls.

SACCC & 56TH NCCC AT A GLANCE



International and national participants for the South Asian Cross Country Championships (SACCC) and 56th National Cross Country Championships (NCCC) registering on arrival at Dimapur on 24th March 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering during the finale of South Asian Cross Country Championships and 56th National Cross Country Championships at Kohima Cultural Hall on 26th March 2022.



Spectators witnessing the South Asian Cross Country Championships and 56th National Cross Country Championships at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 26th March 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu with winners of Men (10 Km) during the South Asian Cross Country Championships and 56th National Cross-Country Championships at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 26th March 2022.



Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha and other dignitaries with winners of Women (10 Km) during the South Asian Cross-Country Championships and 56th National Cross-Country Championships at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 26th March 2022.



Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Songkhupchung Serto and others during the inauguration of the new District Court Complex at Zunheboto on 26th March 2022.



Governor of Assam and Nagaland and Chief Rector of Nagaland University, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi addressing the gathering during the 5th Convocation of Nagaland University at the Auditorium (I Ihoshe Kinimi Hall), Nagaland University, Lumami on 17th March 2022.



Noksen celebrated International Women's Day at DB's Court, Noksen on 8th March 2022.

International Women's Day was celebrated with Dr. Rosemary Dzüvichü as the special guest speaker at Nagaland Police Headquarter, Kohima on 8th March 2022.



Participants and officials of the Public Health Engineering Department, Phek during the World Water Day celebration at Mutsale village, Phek on 22nd March 2022.



World Tuberculosis Day-cum-launching of Piramal Swasthya (Nagaland) was held at Community Health Centre Jalukie, Peren on 24th March 2022.



Speakers and invitees with officials of Consumer Rights Organisation Nagaland during the celebration of World Consumer Rights Day at Dimapur on 15th March 2022.

The Department of Higher Education has been provided Rs. 8.22 crore to facilitate NAAC accreditation and for construction of academic buildings in Government colleges. The State Council of Educational Research and Training has been provided Rs. 3.15 crore for various construction works, development of text books, trainings and workshops and conduct of examinations. The Department of Technical Education has been provided Rs. 3 crore, of which Rs. 1 crore is for upgradation of facilities at Khelhoshe Polytechnic. Rs. 1 crore each has also been provided for core activities and infrastructure development at Seithekiema Polytechnic.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare has been provided Rs. 7.77 crore for construction of offices, a new 50 bedded extension at Kohima District Hospital and for Impur Hospital Mokokchung. Substantial funding is made available through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, for availing which an upfront allocation of Rs. 10.50 crore has been made for the State share. Rio informed an autonomous society has been constituted for the new Medical College at Kohima, and the Government will ensure that admissions for the college commences from the academic session 2023-24. He added that the work for the Mon Medical College shall also be started in full swing during the year. Rio announced the launching of 'Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme,' which will provide every citizen with hospitalization insurance cover of upto Rs. 5 lakh per annum, irrespective of the family income. The scheme will provide cashless services for predefined packages covering secondary and tertiary care procedures at empanelled Government or private hospitals,

both within and outside the State.

The Public Health Engineering Department has been provided Rs. 3.63 crore to complete ongoing water supply projects and for core activities. A substantial amount of Rs. 11.00 crore has been provided as an upfront allocation for State Share for CSS. The P.W.D. (Housing) Department has been provided Rs. 25.69 crore for completion of the Commission Complex, construction of Rental Housing, construction of Patient Guest House at Dibrugarh and guest house at Dimapur. Rio said that the Government has also decided to construct a Naga Patient Home at Vellore for which the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu agreed to provide space for this and an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore has been provided for this purpose.

The General Administration Housing has been provided Rs. 19.51 crore for construction of offices and quarters for Administration in various parts of the State. Police Housing has been provided Rs. 10.60 crore for construction of offices for SPs, barracks for jawans and Police Stations.

The Justice & Law Department has been provided Rs. 4.14 crore for the ongoing High Court Complex, construction of Judges Rest House and for the Advocates Chambers in the High Court Complex. Funds have also been provided for construction of DC office complexes in the newly created districts of Tuensang and Noklak. Rio said in the new districts, wherever required, the Government will provide Mini Secretariats which would house the office of the Deputy Commissioner and other district level offices.

The Home Guards have been provided Rs. 2.00 crore for construction works at the

Central Training Institute at Dimapur. The Jails Housing has been provided Rs. 3.49 crore for construction works in various jails. The Excise Housing has been provided Rs. 1.6 crore for construction of staff quarters at the Excise Housing Complex at Dimapur. The Urban Development Department has been provided Rs. 4.4 crore for P. Shilu Memorial Park at Mokochung, for upgrading the marketing centre of Development Authority Nagaland and for other construction activities.

The Municipal Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 1.70 crore for urban sewerage. The Labour Department has been provided Rs. 1.50 crore, and the Employment and Skill Development has been provided Rs. 2.00 crore for strengthening ITs and for skill programmes. The Social Welfare Department has been provided Rs. 1.50 crore for construction of district office at Mon. The department has also been provided an amount of Rs. 6.00 crore as the first tranche of State Share for CSS from the 30% allocated department wise.

Departments covered under the General and Other Services have been provided with an outlay of Rs. 29.60 crore. The Printing and Stationery department has been provided Rs. 1.50 crore for procurement of machineries. The Administrative Training Institute has been provided Rs. 75 lakh for training activities. The Assembly Complex Project has been provided Rs. 5.00 crore for various construction and upgradation works and also for the MLA Hostel and approach road to the staff quarters. The Nagaland Fire Services has been provided Rs. 5.00 crore for purchase of new machineries and construction of fire stations in the new districts.

The Treasuries and Accounts

Department has been provided Rs. 2.12 crore for construction of Sub-Treasury at Chozuba and Aboi. The Border Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 2.88 crore for construction of staff quarters and constructions along the inter-state border areas.

The Parliamentary Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 1.50 crore for parliamentary study tour, youth parliament and other activities. The Taxes Department has been provided Rs. 2.00 crore for construction of staff quarters. The Village Guards has been provided Rs. 1.50 crore for construction of office and residential building. The Chief Electoral Office has been provided Rs. 3.64 crore for construction of storage facilities for EVMs and VVPATs in 12 districts. The Home Department has been provided Rs. 3.00 crore for Nagaland Houses and disaster mitigation works.

The Tribal Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 50 lakh for construction of the directorate and staff quarters. The Minority Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 1.70 crore for construction of playgrounds and community halls in addition to Rs. 3.00 crore upfront allocation for State Share to avail CSS.

Rio stated that the Government has also provided Rs. 30 crore for the Foothill Road during the current financial year.

Rio said that through the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure' in the form of interest free loan for a period of 50 years, the Government of India have in their budget announced the allocation of Rs. 1.00 lakh crore for the scheme for 2022-23, Rio proposed to supplement activities under the sectoral allocations or take up specific projects during the year, some of which are – to provide access to remote and rural areas, improve

facilities in the District and Administrative Headquarters; completion of a football stadium at Chumukedima Police Complex; Development of a Heritage Complex at Mon; Re-development of the Dimapur Town Hall; Construction of an indoor multipurpose-cum-wrestling stadium with a capacity of 15,000 to 20,000 at Kohima.

Rio stated that 2020-21 again saw a huge shortfall in the State's receipts due to the COVID pandemic to the tune of Rs. 1341.99 crore over what was reflected in the Union Budget for the State in the Share of Central Taxes and Duties. These shortfalls have seriously affected the State's financial health. He said that the Government has also taken various measures to enhance the State's revenues and increase resources, and measures have been proposed for enhancement of rates, fees and duties, including measures to enhance efficiency. The State Government is also actively exploring the guarantee route to help access funds outside of the budget to fund critical developmental and infrastructure activities to supplement the State's limited resources for which a Special Purpose Vehicle is being formed.

The Government has created a comprehensive database for all Government

employees called the Personnel Information Management System (PIMS) which will also form the basis for budgetary allocation to various departments for salaries and wages and help to put a check on illegal and excess appointments beyond the sanctioned strength, which Rio stated is becoming a widespread problem. In addition, the State Finance Department has recently introduced the e-Pay Bill at the DO level to ensure that salaries are prepared as per actual staff strength as reflected in the PIMS database. These measures, Rio stated will go a long way in bringing about transparency and accountability, and prevent malpractices and leakage of public funds.

CM Rio presented the Budget estimating the gross receipts at Rs. 24389.80 crores and gross expenditure at Rs. 24239.50 crore for the financial year 2022-23. He added that the current year's transaction for the year 2022-23 are estimated to result in a positive balance of Rs. 150.30 crore. However because of the negative opening balance of Rs. 2363.04 crore, the year 2022-23 is estimated to close with a negative balance of Rs. 2212.74 crore.

CM ADDRESSES PRESS CONFERENCE

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while interacting with the press after presenting the State Budget for 2022-23 on 22nd March 2022 at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima stated that the pandemic has affected the State's finances over the last two years and added that it was only during the last quarter that the State witnessed noticeable improvement in the resource position. Stating that since the first quarter started on a negative trend, the

Government was compelled to move for austerity measures as was done during the year 2020-21 to avoid a financial crisis. The austerity measures were affected for expenditure items on OE, MV, TE and maintenance upto 20% of the budget allocations. The Government also decided to defer appointments to fill retirement vacancies and freeze vehicle purchases.

The Chief Minister stated that the last quarter of 2021-22 had seen a huge climb in

the GST revenues, resulting in a windfall of Rs. 547.10 crore in receipts under Share of Central Taxes and Duties over what was reflected in the Union Budget (BE) of 2021-22. Even the State's revenues witnessed a growth of Rs. 42.45 crore over the Budget Estimates.

However, despite such improvements, the Chief Minister stated that the State is still struggling to neutralize the huge negative impact of the losses in Share of Central Taxes and Duties incurred during the last two years (Rs. 925.42 crore short during 2019-20 and Rs. 1341.99 crore short during 2020-21).

Rio said that the owing to the various measures mentioned the year 2021-22 is estimated to close with a deficit of Rs. 2363.04 crore and clarified that it is an improvement of Rs. 316.42 crore over BE figure of Rs. 2679.46. He termed it an outstanding achievement at a time when the world is undergoing financial crisis. He also added that the Government will keep working to reduce the deficit steadily to bring it to more manageable levels in the coming years.

The Chief Minister also stated that that

during 2022-23, the Government will introduce two significant initiatives, Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative and the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative which have been designed to have a wide impact on the people of the State. Highlighting the schemes, Rio stated that Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative is to provide affordable credit to farmers, Self Help Groups and Farmer Producer Organisations in the form of subsidy as well as credit subvention to various identified activities in the agri and allied sectors. The Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme will provide health coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per annum to all citizens of the State irrespective of family income. The scheme will provide cashless service covering various secondary and tertiary care procedures through empanelled hospitals, both within and outside the State covering both Government as well as private hospitals.

Chief Minister Rio also stated that a key reform that will significantly impact the functioning and efficiency of the Government was the creation of the PIMS database of all Government employees.

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY 2022 OBSERVED AT KOHIMA



Dignitaries and students of Kros College, Kohima during the observation of World Oral Health Day 2022 at Kros College, Kohima on 20th March 2022.

World Oral Health Day 2022 (WOHD) was observed under the theme “Be proud of your mouth” at Kros College, Kohima on 20th March 2022. The programme was organised by the Department of Health & Family Welfare under National Oral Health Programme.

Speaking on the theme, Dr. Pfukrolo Koza, Junior Dental Specialist, NHAK said the World Oral Health Day is celebrated every year on 20th March and provides an ideal platform to raise awareness and encourage commitments and action to promote good oral health. The growing burden of oral disease demands action on every level: individual, family and community. World Dental Federation is confident that

simple, targeted action has the power to curb the prevalence of oral diseases and make oral health a personal priority for all, he added.

Dr. Koza said, the mouth is teemed with bacteria like many areas of the body and good oral health care, such as daily brushing and flossing can keep these bacteria under control. However, without proper oral hygiene, bacteria can reach levels that might lead to oral infections, such as tooth decay and gum disease.

Administrator Kros College, Vidilhou Souhu also gave a short speech and an extempore speech amongst the students was also held to mark the occasion.

WORLD WATER DAY 2022 CELEBRATED

MON:



World Water Day was celebrated at Sayeang Middle School, Shiyong village under Wakching Block, Mon on 22nd March 2022.

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Mon celebrated World Water Day on the theme “Groundwater: Making the invisible visible” at Sayeang Middle School, Shiyong village under Wakching Block, Mon.

SDO (C) Wakching, L. Samuel Konyak gracing the occasion as the special guest, said that growing up in a clean and safe environment

is the right of each and every child and access to clean water, basic toilets, good hygiene practices not only keep children thriving, but also gives them a healthier start in life. He also said that as climate change gets worse, groundwater will become more and more critical and that everyone needs to work together to sustainably manage water.

T. Pangken Konyak, Chemist, DWSM, PHED Mon spoke on the topic ‘Reflecting on the value of water,’ Monglong Implementing Support Agency (ISA) spoke on the topic Water, Sanitation & Hygiene interventions on improving health outcomes among school children.

SAMZIURAM VILLAGE:

World Water Day, organised by the Department of PHE under District Water and Sanitation Mission, Peren on the theme “Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible,” was observed on 22nd March 2022 at Community Hall, Samziuram Village, Peren.

Kewizailungiu Dailiam, Swachhagrahi from Samziuram village stated that the World Water Day is observed annually to raise awareness on the global water crisis. She informed that this year, the theme focuses on the importance of groundwater and raise awareness about the over exploitation.

Speaking on “The importance of water: how to preserve and conserve it,” Hugiak Gonmei, ISA, Rongmei Baptist Association urged the citizens to conserve water such as keeping the tap closed when not in use and not to ignore any water leaks, practicing rainwater harvesting, find ways to recharge ground water, protect water resources and find ways to conserve water pre-monsoon and post-monsoon, to teach the children about the value of water from a young age and not waste water, to have an awareness in the family about the importance of water, not to use chemicals in paddy fields and reuse of water.

The programme was attended by Village Council members, WATSAN committee members, Women Society and youth from seven villages under Peren district. Tree saplings were also distributed.

WOKHA:

Guardian Network Foundation, PHED Land Resources, Water Resources and Soil & Water Conservation departments jointly organised the World Water Day at Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 22nd March 2022.

Special guest, ADC, Wokha, Lankonsen T. Tsanglao, while addressing the gathering, said water issue is becoming very serious and since the beginning of the year, a very dry time due to rise in temperature is being experienced, and he called for proper maintenance of water bodies and stream for proper utilization of water.

Executive Engineer, Water Resources, Wokha, Er. S. Benri Kithan emphasising on the topic “Underground water, making the invisible, visible,” said groundwater is a very important natural source and has a significant role in the economy, and a main source for irrigation and the food industry as well.

A brief presentation on the data of average annual rainfall of all observatory and annual rainfall report in the state was presented by the Department of Soil & Water Conservation.

Sensitization, awareness and importance on water related topics was presented by Department of PHED and its implementing Support Agency Team Metamorphosis.

PHED TUENSANG:

Public Health & Engineering Department (PHED) celebrated World Water Day 2022 at St. John Higher Secondary School, Tuensang on 22nd March 2022.

In the programme, Executive Engineer, PHED Tuensang Division, Er. Kedolhuto Punyu in his welcome address spoke on the importance of World Water Day 2022 and on the theme of World Water Day 2022.

PowerPoint presentation on ‘Water quality issues and health impacts’ was presented by PHED District Chemist & District Co-ordinator, N. Sangtam. A student, Sujang L delivered a speech on the topic “Conserving water for the future generation.” An essay competition on the

title, "Conserving water for the future generation" was also organized. Jal Jeevan Mission Implementation support Agency (ISA) also participated in the programme.

MUTSALE VILLAGE, PHEK:

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Phek observed World Water Day at Mutsale Village under Phek Block on 22nd March 2022, under the theme "Groundwater: Making the invisible visible."

Er. Weshusie Pojar, JE, PHED Phek briefed on the theme of the event. He also spoke on conservation of water, water quality issues, ill effects of consuming contaminated water. Pojar

further highlighted on the campaign "Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls," and urged the community to practice rainwater harvesting, to create the harvesting structures suitable to the village as well as climatic condition.

Vekhorayi, (CWWS-NEIDA) Implementing Support Agency (ISA), spoke on the importance of water sanitation and hygiene. He also shared on the significance and benefits of groundwater recharge through Springshed Development, the project undertaken by NEIDA in collaboration with various departments.

The participants also took part in cleaning of traditional wells in and around the village.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF FISH FARMERS AT DIMAPUR

Capacity Building of Fish Farmers through Skill Development Training and Critical Input Distribution by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education under NEH programme on "Advances in sustainable aquaculture practices," organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, GoN was held from 21st – 23rd March at Brooder Fish Farm, Dimapur.

Deputy Director of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Dr. Vimezo Kire, chairing the inaugural programme, urged the participant-farmers to make full use of the training and adopt scientific fish farming practices to enhance productivity and improve their livelihood.

Senior Scientist and Training Coordinator, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre, Dr. Gouranga Biswas delivered various classes as a resource person on modern and innovative methods of fish culture, soil and water quality management, and feed and feeding strategies

in aquaculture. He also suggested use of high value fish species and utilization of natural fish food items, such as planktons and periphyton in aquaculture to increase return from existing farming systems.

Technical Officer, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre, Prakash Kumar Behera, demonstrated the preparation of fish feed and analysis of water quality parameters, and recommended application of agricultural lime to reclaim the acidic soil and water of Dimapur.

DFO Dimapur, Sunep briefed on various developmental schemes of Department of the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources. He expressed that the training would immensely benefit the fish farmers who lack knowledge on scientific fish farming to improve their livelihood by adopting advanced and sustainable methods of aquaculture and using the critical inputs distributed.

A total of 50 fish farmers participated and received critical inputs for fish farming such as fish feed, lime, CIFE developed water pH and dissolved oxygen testing kits and study materials from the

organizers. The farmers shared their happiness on their skill development and receipt of aquaculture

inputs which will surely help in improvement of fish production of the district and the state as well.

WORLD TB DAY OBSERVED

LONGLENG:

The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Longleng observed World TB Day at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng under the theme: "Invest to End TB - Save Lives" on 24th March 2022.

Speaking on behalf of District Administration, EAC, Longleng, Pichano Kikon asserted that TB is one of the deadliest diseases that takes millions of lives globally. For this reason, she said Government of India has launched various programmes to eliminate TB by 2025. In order to meet the target, she sought the cooperation and support of stakeholders, government agencies, civil societies and all concerned to come together and work towards elimination of TB in the district. She also urged the gathering to stop stigma and give moral and emotional support to TB patients.

In his short speech, the Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Longleng highlighted various treatment available for TB. He informed that although TB is a life threatening disease, it is 100% curable provided the patients complete their treatment course as prescribed by the medical professional, and also by maintaining personal hygiene and nutrition.

Earlier in his keynote address, Dr. Temsusashibi, DTO, Longleng said that the purpose of observing the day is to disseminate awareness on TB to the mass and eliminate it by 2025. He also presented the Best ASHA Award to one of the best performing ASHAs of Bhumnyu village.

Awareness on TB was proposed by Tongang Phom STS (NTEP). This was followed

by interaction and discussion.

JALUKIE:

Medical Department, Peren organised World Tuberculosis (TB) Day-cum-launching of Piramal Swasthya (Nagaland) at CHC Jalukie on 24th March 2022 under the theme "Invest to end TB, Save lives."

Speaking on the occasion as the Guest of Honour, EAC, Ngwalwa, Tsenthungo E. Ngullie said Tuberculosis is a potentially serious infectious or bacterial air-borne disease which mainly affects the lungs. He said that the first step and the best weapon to eradicate this disease is to spread awareness among the community and to take preventive treatment. He later flagged off the campaign.

Dr. Vivek (Piramal Swasthya) who is the Zonal Lead for the States of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, said Piramal Swasthya Project is a 100 days programme by Central TB Division and Ministry of Tribal Affairs which aims to collect sputum of people from far flung villages and also to stop the spread of TB and COVID-19. He also mentioned that the project is being flagged off from Peren for whole Nagaland and will provide manpower and transportation. Dr. Vivek also highlighted some of the action plans which are to be undertaken during the campaign.

Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Lanuakum Jamir in his speech said World TB Day is observed every year to create awareness among the public about the global epidemic of tuberculosis and efforts to eliminate the disease. He hoped that with the support of Piramal Swasthya, the elimination programme of TB in Nagaland State would be improved.

SCERT CONDUCTS FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING STUDY

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi conducted the Foundational Learning Study covering all States and UTs from 23rd to 26th March 2022 in sampled schools.

This study is very crucial which aims to draw a first-hand understanding of the learning levels of the students at the foundational stage (at the end of Grade 3). This study will enable the states to establish benchmarks in oral reading fluency with comprehension in different Indian languages for children at Grade 3 level. It will assess the children's ability to read age appropriate known as well unknown text at a certain pace, accurately and with comprehension and also the foundational numeracy skills. The study was conducted with the state level sampling covering all categories of schools.

Before the actual study was conducted, a dry-run was tested on 15th March 2022. In

Nagaland, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) conducted the Study on 24th and 25th March 2022. Field Investigators were identified to carry out the study and External Observers from the Ministry of Education were also present to oversee the smooth conduct of the test as reliable and valid data is needed to be collected which will inform state level plans for improving foundational learning. Focussing on 'learning achievement' in the foundational years which is pertinent in order to provide the learners with capabilities to make their subsequent learning experiences more meaningful and absorbing, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has launched the National Initiative for proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN-BHARAT) mission to provide the roadmap for straightening the domain of foundational learning at the National level.

ENTREPRENEURS FROM NAGALAND ATTEND EXPORT-ORIENTED TRAINING AT KOLKATA



Participants from Nagaland during the five day intensive export oriented training held at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata on 21st March 2022.

A five-day intensive export-oriented training began on 21st March 2022 for the first batch of 25 entrepreneurs from Nagaland at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata.

The training was facilitated through the Export Facilitation Cell (EFC) of the IIFT Kohima which was launched by Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio on 17th November 2021.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Vice Chancellor, IIFT, Prof. Manoj Pant and CEO, Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Alemtemshi Jamir. The entrepreneurs visited the Sea port, Kolkata and Customs offices besides their classroom sessions to get a first-hand experience on export

oriented activities.

The EFC is set up at the IDAN, and is the first of its kind in the entire North Eastern region, sponsored by North Eastern Council (NEC), in collaboration with the IDAN to facilitate and handhold local entrepreneurs looking at exports as a business opportunity

INDIA DOMINATES SAAF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The biggest sporting event in the history of Nagaland, the South Asian Cross Country Championships (SACCC) and the 56th National Cross Country Championships (NCCC) was held on 26th March 2022 at IG Stadium, Kohima. The event was organised by Nagaland Athletics Association under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India.

Five (5) South Asian countries took part in the event, namely Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. 34 states, Union Territories and Boards participated in the competition.

SAAF Cross Country race included Men (10 Km), Women (10 Km), Under-20 Boys (8 Km) and Under-20 Girls (6 Km). The categories for National Cross-Country races were Men (10 Km), Under-20 Boys (8 Km), Under-16 Boys (6 Km) and Women (10 Km), Under-20 Girls (6 Km), Under-18 Girls (4 Km) and Under-16 Girls (2 Km).

In the North East States category, the following athletes from Nagaland secured top 3 positions in various events - Tsuchoi T came first in 10 Km Women category, Kughaho got the third position in 8 Km Boys Under-20, Songmo P and Vesatseilu Khesoh secured first and second position respectively in the 6 Km Girls Under-20 event, Thejangulie Sote and Keneingutuo Rame got the second and third positions respectively

in the 6 Km Boys Under-18, Nirmala won the second position in 4 Km Girls Under-18 event and Jemie Y got the third position in the 2 Km Girls Under-16 event.

President of Nagaland Athletics Association and Associate VP of AFI, Abu Metha informed that the mascot of the SACCC and 56th NCCC is 'Akimji' meaning - happy, running Hornbill bird. 'Akimji' is a sumi word and a connotation of the words 'aim, goal or ambition.' He said the event signifies the energy and ambition of the new generation of the Naga youths and to show that the Nagas have arrived at the international stage and aspire to reach a higher standard.

More than 800 athletes from all the States and Union Territories participated, and the Nagaland team comprised of more than 20 athletes. The information on the event can be accessed through the link of the IT Department Nagaland, Athletic Federation of India Website. Nagaland Athletics Association has Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

A total of 71 participants from South Asian countries including Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India took part in the event. A total of 667 athletes from 31 (thirty one) states of India namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh,

Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Punjab, Pondicherry, Sikkim, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu,

Telangana, Tripura, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and 3 (three) boards, namely All India Police Sports Control, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Service Sports Control Board participated at the sporting event.

GRAND FINALE OF SACCC AND 56th NCCC HELD

South Asian Cross-Country Championships and 56th National Cross-Country Championships culminated with the Grand Finale hosted by Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio at Kohima Cultural Hall on 26th March 2022.

Addressing the gathering of dignitaries, athletes, officials and others, Rio thanked the South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) and Athletics Federation of India (AFI) for giving the opportunity to Nagaland to host the historic event in Kohima. He said it is the first international event being held and the attendance of the SAAF and AFI officials was a great morale booster.

Appreciating the athletes from Nagaland, Rio said getting a medal in the beginning stage of athletics participation is a huge encouragement for the development of the sport. He stressed on the need to meet for national games so that players as well as infrastructure can develop. While congratulating the winners, he thanked the volunteers, Bank of Baroda, officials, and all the participants for coming to Nagaland.

Senior VP of AFI, Anju Bobby George said that the Cross Country Championships has created a milestone in the history of Nagaland. She appreciated the efforts taken by the government and the federation for conducting a successful event and extended her best wishes to the athletes in their future ventures.

President, SAAF, Dr. Lalit Kumar Bhanot congratulated the Nagaland Olympic Association

as well as the Government of Nagaland for successfully hosting the SACCC and said that it is one of the most well organised competitions in the history of the SACCC.

Adille Sumariwalla, President Athletics Federation of India, also spoke at the grand finale of the 56th SACCC. He congratulated the State of Nagaland and the Nagaland Olympic Association who under the leadership of its president Neiphiu Rio conducted a truly international event and said that hosting such events would surely create enthusiasm among the younger generation. He also congratulated the Nagaland Athletes who competed at the event and won its first medal at the national cross country championship. He urged the Government of Nagaland to create high performance centers for Athletes in every district in the state and said that the Athletic Federation of India would provide all technical expertise and co-operation.

Associate VP of AFI, Abu Metha said that the SACCC has given young Naga people in every part of the State the ambition and the knowledge to understand the fact that if given an opportunity, they can do better and bigger than anybody else. He said that this event has announced Nagaland's arrival at the national and international scene. He added that sport is a unifying power and it has unified more nations and people than any other human activity, and through this event, Kohima has brought not only

South Asia under one roof but also entire India under one roof. Metha added that there is a rise of vibrancy and enthusiasm for sports among the

Naga youths, and asked the youths to have the courage and the bravery to reach the highest standards.

REVIEW MEETING OF THE NFMP-S-JICA HIGH POWER COMMITTEE HELD

A review meeting of the High Powered Committee, Nagaland Forest Management Project Society (NFMP-S-JICA), with Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS as its Chairman, was held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th March 2022.

Chief Secretary stated that Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is a very important project for the State of Nagaland and he is pleased that reports show that the project is being implemented satisfactorily in the State. Stating that the main objective of the Project is to improve forest ecosystem and support income generation by rehabilitation of Jhum areas and provision of livelihood support, Alam encouraged the team

to have a portal where all collected data can be uploaded so that they analyzed without delay.

Alam also called for convergence of departments for the success of all projects in the State. He stated that a concrete strategy on convergence should be at place. The Chief Secretary, in his concluding remarks stated that good suggestions and decisions were made in the meeting and opined that the HPC should meet more often to review the progress of the project.

The Annual Work Plan (FY 2022-23) was presented during the meeting. The HPC also reviewed the previous meeting minutes and discussed on various agenda pertaining to convergence and implementation of the project.

I&C DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR

The farewell programme of outgoing Director Industries & Commerce, K. Hokieshe Assumi was held on 31st March 2022 at the Conference hall Directorate of Industries & Commerce Kohima.

Assumi thanked God for giving him good health and expressed appreciation to all the staff of the Department for their cooperation, love, and support. He said the Department of Industries & Commerce has a big role to play in the development of the State for which he called upon all the staff to work with zeal and commitment while discharging their given responsibilities.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development

& Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba in his speech described the outgoing Director as a fatherly figure, approachable, and hardworking person. He lauded the outgoing Director for playing a proactive role in creating the Department as an effective machinery for the development of the State.

Others who spoke at the programme include Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa; Incoming Director, Vitsutho Nyuthe; CEO NKVIB, Kuhoi Zhimomi; General Manager, Sukhoniai Langthasa on behalf of DIC/Sub-DIC; MD. NEP, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar on behalf of NICGOA; and Registrar Keivirheineiu on behalf of the ministerial staff.

DISHA MEETING HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

WOKHA:

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) & Chairman, District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA), Tokheho Yepthomi called for the 1st quarterly meeting of DISHA for the year 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 28th February 2022.

While giving the opening remark, Yepthomi said the main objective of conducting the meeting is to take first-hand information about the progress, loophole, and achievements of works regarding all Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented in the district, where he also stated that after reviewing and taking feedback about the progress of works and status of projects and schemes implemented in the district, he will

be submitting the detailed reports to the Ministry, Government of India, and urged the departments implementing central sponsored schemes/projects to give more efforts for early completion of projects and ensure that schemes and projects undertaken benefit the local populace and also called for good workmanship while executing the works.

During the meeting, the following departments, PWD (R&B), PHED, Food & Civil Supplies, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Urban Development and other allied departments presented the various activities undertaken under central sponsored schemes in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting requested all the departments implementing central sponsored schemes and projects to properly supervise and monitor and submit a clear picture as to how many people are getting the benefits out of the projects and schemes. Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Government of Nagaland, Mhathung Yanthan also attended the meeting.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi addressing the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at the Conference Hall, Hotel Whispering Winds, Mokokchung on 1st March 2022.

District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held on 1st March 2022 at the Conference Hall, Hotel Whispering Winds, Mokokchung. Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi and Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir attended the meeting. The meeting was held to review the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes by different departments in the district that come under the purview of DISHA.

The following departments implementing various central schemes gave PowerPoint presentations: Rural Development, Agriculture,

Health & Family Welfare, School Education, Mokokchung Municipal Council, Tuli Town Council, Mangkolemba Town Council, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Social Welfare, Food & Civil Supplies, and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges).

The MP said that the remaining departments- Land Resources, Water Resources, Urban Development, ITI, LRSO, District Industries Centre, Manager Lead Bank, and DLCW – Mahila Shakti Kendra would be reviewed in the next meeting. He further asked the district HoDs to come up with proposals so that the requirement of the district is achieved.

TUENSANG:

The District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 2nd March 2022.

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi advised all the departments to send reports to the Centre and ensure the officials take up the concerns to their respective departments in the Centre. He also said the Government of India is coming up with many schemes and projects which need to be implemented in the districts.

The CMO Tuensang also presented the representation to the MP for the construction of CMO office building, Tuensang.

A total of 8 (eight) departments namely, DRDA, Agriculture, Food & Civil Supplies, Health & Family Welfare, School Education, PHED, Water Resources and PWD (R&B) gave PowerPoint presentations on the schemes and projects of their departments, and had an interaction on the loopholes and the success stories of the projects and schemes.

PHEK:

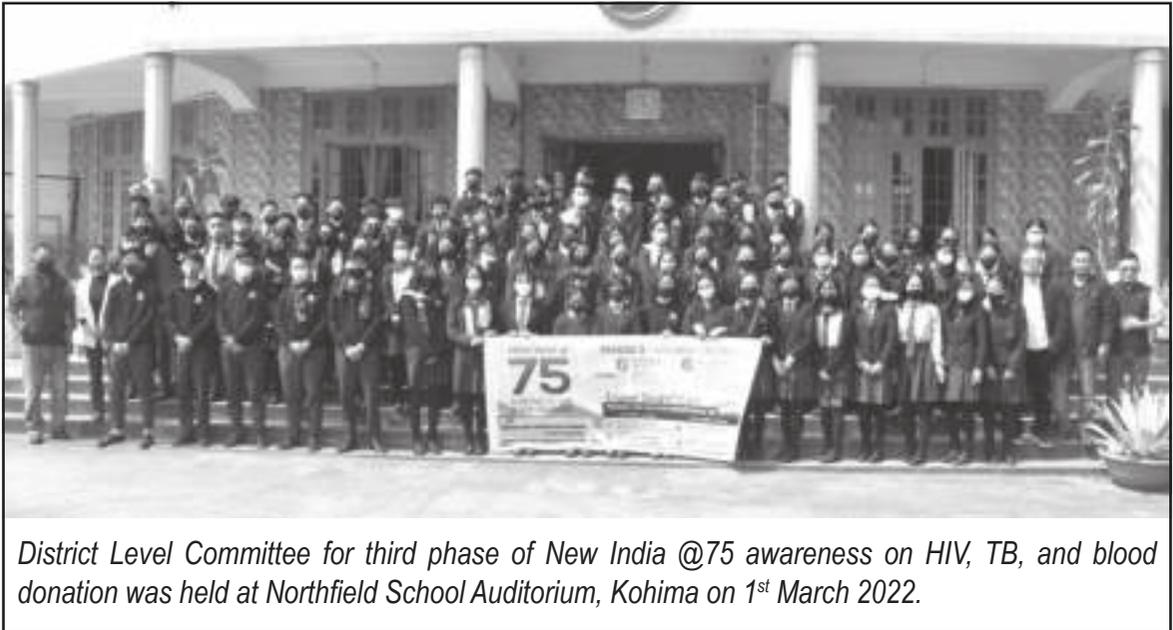


Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), K.G. Kenye addressing the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 5th March 2022.

Phek district DISHA meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 5th March 2022 with the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & Co-Chairperson, DISHA, Nagaland, K.G. Kenye.

Speaking on the occasion, Kenye urged the gathering to be vigilant and monitor the various departmental activities taking place. He called upon them to give their cooperation in every way possible. He also called upon the government employees to discharge their assigned duties for the upliftment of the society. He also hoped that the centrally sponsored schemes are implemented properly and requested the concerned departments to do their best and urged them to ensure that the services reach each and every corner of the district.

PowerPoint presentations were presented by the departments of Rural Development, Food & Civil Supplies, School Education, Land Resources, Roads & Bridges, Public Health Engineering, Land Records & Survey, Social Welfare, Urban Development, Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, PWD (National Highways), Water Resources, Industries & Commerce, PWD (Phek Division) and Power, where the activities, progress report and grievances faced by the departments were shared.

**AWARENESS ON HIV, TB, AND BLOOD DONATION
HELD WITH NORTHFIELD SCHOOL STUDENTS**

District Level Committee for third phase of New India @75 awareness on HIV, TB, and blood donation was held at Northfield School Auditorium, Kohima on 1st March 2022.

District Level Committee for New India @ 75 activities concluded the third phase of New India @75 awareness on HIV, TB, and blood donation with Northfield School students at Northfield School Auditorium, Kohima on 1st March 2022.

Speaking at the programme, District TB Officer, Kohima, Dr. Akaba Jamir stated that TB is an infectious disease caused by mycobacterium tuberculosis, mostly affecting the lung but can also affect other organs spreading through air, cough, spit and sneeze which can cause high health risks to the patients with HIV, diabetes, malnutrition, and substance abuse. He informed that to eliminate TB by 2025, Prime Minister of India has launched the programme under the theme "TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan," various activities have been carried out such

as "TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign" which was launched by the Minister of Health & Family Welfare on 25th September 2019.

While interacting with the participants at the programme, District Program Officer, DAPCU, Sentimongla Tzudir said that any person can get tested for HIV which is free of cost in a government health setting at public healthcare facilities, Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres (ICTCs), District Hospital (NHAK), PHCs and CHCs in Kohima district and Family Planning Association of India Kohima Branch (PPP- FICTC). She also informed about accessing through NACO website, NSACS website and to download the NACO AIDS App and Dial 1097 (Toll-Free) for more information on AIDS and HIV.

DISTRICT LEVEL MOCK EXERCISE ON EARTHQUAKE CONDUCTED


Kohima DDMA officials along with personnel from line departments and other stakeholders during the mock drill earthquake exercise held in Kohima on 3rd March 2022.

KOHIMA:

As a preparedness measure, District Level Mock Exercise simulating an earthquake was conducted on at Kohima on 10th March 2022.

During the mock drill exercise, an earthquake scenario was created at Senior Treasury Office building (North) Kohima, DESO building, LRSO office, DPRO office, ADC Planning office, DEO (Election), NSLSA office building, Commissioner's office and the DB's Court, presuming to be partially collapsed and affected by fire.

The search and rescue team involving 24 personnel from State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and 31 personnel from National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) along with personnel from Fire & Emergency Services, Power and Police conducted the rescue operation in which 23 casualties were reported and taken care of by the medical teams.

After the mock drill exercise, debriefing was held at DC's Conference Hall with DCG, Medozhalie Pienyü, Joint Commissioner, Jamithung and Assistant Commissioner, Vineikho Tetso as the Observers. On the overall observation of the

exercise, the Observers pointed out some room for improvement in the area of communication, traffic management, command system, and time management to save energy and resources in the event of a disaster.

The mock drill exercise was jointly organised by DDMA, Kohima in collaboration with Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF Kohima and 12 Bn NDRF, Kohima Team.

KIPHIRE:

A strong hypothetical earthquake of magnitude 8.7 on Richter Scale at Zisaji Presidency Government College, Kiphire at 11:00 am was demonstrated on 8th March 2022.

The SDRF rescue team performed demonstration on how to save people during an earthquake. On receiving information about the earthquake, the District Operation Team (SDRF) rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation and for mobilisation. During the demonstration, the SDRF team performed an act of saving a child using rope from the top floor of a building.

PHEK:

A demo mock exercise on earthquake was held at Phek Headquarter on 11th March 2022 in various locations by Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA). Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo said such type of preparedness programmes should be held frequently to give awareness to the people about the possible scenarios in times of disasters.

MON:

A district level mock exercise simulating an earthquake and fire incident was conducted at Mon Headquarter on 19th March 2022.

As a preparedness measure, a District Level Mock Exercise simulating an earthquake and fire incident was conducted at Mon Headquarter on 19th March 2022.

An earthquake and fire scenario was created at Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force (HG, CD & SDRF) office building and Christ King School, presuming to have collapsed structures due to the earthquake, requiring for search and rescue operation in both locations. Two search and rescue teams involving personnel from SDRF, NDRF, Fire & Emergency Services and Police were dispatched to the locations. 30 (thirty) casualties were reported and were taken to the medical teams for further treatment after administering first aid. A District

Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) was also set up at the DC's Conference Hall.

TUENSANG:

In a joint exercise by the NDRF and SDRF, organized by the DDMA, a rescue operation exercise was conducted at old DC's Office Complex, Tuensang on 22nd March 2022. Debriefing on the mock drill, Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Vishal Chauhan appreciated the team effort of NDRF team in demonstrating the evacuation and rescue mission from a high rise building for which he also encouraged the SDRF team to

be confident in such missions.

LONGLENG:

Tabletop exercise for mock drill on earthquake was held at DC's Conference Hall,

Longleng on 24th March 2022 under the chairperson of EAC Longleng, Pichano Kikon.

Briefing on the tabletop exercise and mock drill, Nodal Officer, Disaster Management, Longleng, Thejangulie Zao highlighted that tabletop exercise is a discussion and preparedness to conduct mock drill the next day. Briefing on Incident Response System (IRS), he said it is a very important structure, assigning the roles and responsibilities of every government agencies to play their respective roles and not to create confusions if actual disaster happens in the future. He stated that IRS is a very flexible system which can be changed or rearranged depending on the needs and situation of the district.

DEF LONGLENG ORGANIZE ORIENTATION/ TRAINING OF MAHILA POLICE VOLUNTEERS

DEF Longleng organized a three-day orientation/training of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) at the Auditorium Hall, Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng from 2nd to 4th March 2022. Altogether 43 MPV were inducted by Senior Superintendent of Longleng, H. Kuhovi Sema.

The programme was chaired by SDPO Longleng, Impugn Chang, short speech were delivered by Phomla Hoichem President, Mano

Phom, Phomla Hoichem representative, Konshem and Center Administrator OSC, Longleng, C. Henchmen Phom. Inaugural speech and induction of MPV was delivered by Senior Superintendent of Police, Longleng, H. Kuhovi Sema. The scheme of MPV is sponsored by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India with the active support of MHA and State Police. The tenure of the scheme is initially for 2 (two) years.

PEREN CONDUCTS MONTHLY DPDB MEETING

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 7th March 2022. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman, Peren DPDB, Sentiwapang Aier.

The following agenda were discussed in the meeting: power connectivity and water supply at Peren Government College; new building;

maintenance of road from ADC Headquarter, Peren to DC Complex via Peren Government College; and Peren Government College NAAC accreditation.

EE, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) Peren, Dr. Er. Khuito Murumi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ongoing road projects and completed projects.

MEDIA WORKSHOP VARTALAP HELD

DIMAPUR:

Press Information Bureau, Kohima under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, organized one day media workshop at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur on 7th March 2022, on the theme, 'Improving information dissemination in Nagaland.'

Special guest, State Nodal Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Nyanthung Kikon highlighted the importance of media and its role in COVID-19 management and vaccination in the State.

DPRO Dimapur, Lolano Patton who was one of the resource person, stressed on the importance of effective, integrated and coordinated communication between the implementing agencies and the different media houses in educating the people on the various government welfare schemes implemented in the State, so that the targetted beneficiaries avail the benefits meant for them.

Assistant Manager, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) Home Department, Khrolou Koza Lohe spoke on NSDMA, its role in prevention and responding



Dimapur based media persons with resource persons and organizers during the one day media workshop Vartalap held at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur on 7th March 2022.

to disasters in Nagaland. Efficient and effective response to the disaster specially in the rural areas were discussed, and easy access of information from the NSDMA officials in the event of disaster were also deliberated upon.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Kohima organized one-day media workshop at Niathu Resort Chumoukedima on 14th March 2022, on the theme 'Improving Information Dissemination in Nagaland.'

EAC, Chumoukedima, Seyiekhrietuo Solo who graced the inaugural programme as the special guest, emphasised on the role and

importance of media in a democratic State like ours, where various policies, programmes and projects from different departments are being implemented in the State, and so the need for disseminating right information to the beneficiaries specially in the grassroot level. He also mentioned about responsible and ethical journalism and the need to distinguish between facts and opinions.

Assistant District Program Manager, Dimapur, Rural Development Department, Yimok Phom highlighted the achievements, challenges and undertakings of the Department in Dimapur.

Project Officer, Department of Tribal Affairs, Imsumeren also highlighted on various central schemes and projects in the State.

GIRL STUDENT ACHIEVERS FELICITATED UNDER BBBP

Felicitation programme for girl student achievers and good performing schools under Wokha district was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 10th March 2022. The programme was organized by Wokha District Administration & DLCW-MSK initiated under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP).

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha while addressing the function, congratulated

the schools and the teachers who have put in a lot of effort to mold the students, and urged the students to respect their teachers, parents, and elders to succeed in life. While congratulating the girl achievers, the DC further encouraged them to give their best effort, work harder and keep on updating their skills and knowledge to cope with the fast-changing world and expressed hope that they will do better and bring more of such laurels for the district in future also.

President, ANPSA, Wokha, K. Edward Ngullie while delivering a short speech expressed his appreciation to the organizers for initiating such a programme to acknowledge the students and schools, which he said is a sign of encouragement for all to do better in their respective assignments.

SDO (C) Wokha, Selemla S Sangtam felicitated the following: Rhondeno P Yanthan (Lotha Subject- DBHS Wokha/HSLC 2021),

Emilo A Tsopoe (Lotha Subject- DBHS/HSSLC 2021), Rosy O Ezung (Information Technology Enabled Service- GHSS/HSSLC 2021).

20 (twenty) girl students who secured the highest percentage in HSLC & HSSLC 2021 under Wokha district were also awarded cash and certificates which were handed over by the Deputy Commissioner. 11 (eleven) schools with 100% HSLC results and 28 schools with 100% transition were acknowledged during the function.

KIPIHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, T. Wati Aier at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 10th March 2022.

The board members discussed the proposal for the construction of a Tourism Watch Tower at Hakkomute village, which is situated in one of the remotest parts of the State, the agenda was approved and recommended for further action. The proposal for the construction of a concrete wall and gate at the helipad at Kiphire was discussed and recommended to the

higher authority of the Transport department for further action.

The agenda for registration of Grassroot Empowerment Society was discussed and agreed to be recommended to the higher authority for necessary action. The board members also discussed the nomination of Tikhir Tribe representative/member in the DPDB and agreed for induction. The members also discussed and agreed to welcome Tikhir Tribal Council in the DPDB meeting. PowerPoint presentations were given by the Cooperation Department and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department.

ZUNHEBOTO CONDUCTS DPDB MEETING

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 10th March 2022 under the chairmanship of Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, Taxes & Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Pukhayi Sumi.

The following agenda were discussed during the meeting: Establishment of a Sub-Centre at Khewoto village; Construction of new EAC Headquarter at Saptiqa town, Zunheboto;

Removal of sub-reservoir for site leveling at new DC office complex at PHED compound (North Point colony); and Up-gradation of Snow Field School, Aghunato up to Class VIII.

Highlighting the COVID-19 situation in the district, Deputy CMO Zunheboto, Dr. Akaho Sema said countering the virus with intensive vaccination is working as a key factor in mitigating the hazardous effects of the deadly virus. The district can safely say that more than 80% of eligible beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far, he added.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman, Longleng DPDB, M. Shayung Phom at DC's Conference Hall on 10th March 2022.

The chairman reiterated the members to be regular and present in their place of posting and attend government activities of the district. The DC lauded CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla for being awarded the prestigious Phenomenal Women Award in recognition of her distinctive social services rendered towards the Phom-Naga community. He stated that the prestigious Phenomenal Women Award is awarded every year during International Women's Day by the Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA).

The Deputy Commissioner also acknowledged and appreciated the dedication of the DEF Longleng in controlling the problem of drug trafficking in the district.

The board recommended for creation and functioning of Noklangkong as adhoc-ward bifurcated from Leinak ward after it was briefed by ADC Longleng, D. Robin. He informed that

Noklangkong has a total of 305 households with a population of 1,105, and the DPDB had also recommended it earlier on 6th May 2015.

Highlighting on the activities of National Helpline for senior citizens, Nagaland, Programme Manager, Elderline Nagaland, Neithonuo Liegise said that the platform for Elderline for senior citizens is created to redress their grievances by providing necessary information and intervention on guidance, emotional support, rescue and reunion of homeless elderly and abuse through a collective of highly committed stakeholders and partners including government agencies, non-profit organizations, and volunteers to facilitate happy and healthy aging by serving the senior citizens with dedication and compassion.

DSO, Longleng, T. Mhao Humtsoe presented the activities of the Sericulture Department, Longleng which was followed by a presentation of activities of ATMA such as training, exhibition, distribution of materials, demonstration, farm schools, field day, etc. conducted during 2001-2022 by PDP ATMA Longleng, Akam Zeliang.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN BENEFICIARIES UNDER NSAP HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG



Officials and participants during an awareness programme for women beneficiaries under National Social Assistance Programme held at Ongpangkong Salang, Mokokchung on 11th March 2022.

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence (Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), an awareness programme for women beneficiaries under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) under the theme 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow' was held at Ongpangkong

Salang, Mokokchung on 11th March 2022, organized by District Welfare Office, Mokokchung.

Speaking on the topic 'Gender Equality and Women Rights,' guest speaker Molusen Imchen from MDLSA maintained that basic human rights are provided to every individual irrespective of gender but as social evils and discrimination in

society mostly affect women, therefore, the Government of India has formulated various schemes and laid down laws to assist women.

Guest speaker, Asong Yaden from 'SAKHI - One Stop Centre' Mokokchung highlighted some of the services provided by the Centre to women in distress.

WORKSHOP ON COUNTER WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION HELD AT WOKHA

A one-day workshop on Counter Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation, organized by the Environment Forests & Climate Change (EF&CC) Department, Wildlife Conservation - India and the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), was held at Tiya Hall, Wokha on 12th March 2022.

ADC Wokha, Lankonsen T Tsanglao addressing the gathering, lauded the Department of EF&CC for taking the initiative to sensitize the public about the importance of conserving wildlife, and our ecosystem. He said wild animals have always been a critical resource for human beings, and our forefathers had practiced hunting since time immemorial as a source of food which were key for their survival but now the age-old practice of hunting should be discouraged, and we need to focus on conserving our ecosystem for our present and future generation since many species are getting extinct. He suggested more such workshops to be organized especially in the rural areas to educate the people.

Chairman, NSBB, Satya Prakash Tripathi, IFS (Retd.) shared various aspects on community involvement in the conservation of wildlife to ensure that wildlife management policies are effectively implemented.

Team Leader, WCS-India, Dev Prakash Bankhwal, IFS (Retd.) said the primary threat to the survival of wildlife is due to destruction, fragmentation, and degradation of habitats, when

ecosystem changes dramatically by activities of human being wildlife can no longer survive. He advocated that the community needs to create certified wildlife habitat and preservation of forest so that animals can use the water source, food and find a good shelter to survive. He also emphasized on illegal wildlife trade which he said is a very serious offence and called upon the Police and the EF&CC Department to work together in enforcing the acts to control such menace.

Steve Odyuo from Natural Nagas said various human activities result in wildlife decline and activities like hunting, illegal mining, poaching illegal use of chemicals in the river, and exploitation of forest resources need to be seriously addressed.

In the technical session, Rishika Gupta, WCS-India spoke on wildlife crime, global, national and local scenario drivers, and law enforcement. Shubhra Sotie, WCS-India dwelled on scheduled animals, wild animals, meat, trophy, uncured trophy, weapons, vehicles, etc. Other topics like community conservation of biodiversity in Nagaland, issues related to the human-elephant conflict in Wokha, identification of commonly traded species, and court procedure were highlighted by the resource persons for the workshop, Shubhra Sotie, Suman W M Sivachar, IFS, DFO Wokha, and D P Bankhwal, IFS (Retd.).

TRAINING ON ORGANIC FARMING HELD AT KHONOMA

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) on the topic 'Organic Farming' was organized by ATMA Kohima district, in association with State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI) Nagaland and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) at Community Hall, Khonoma from 7th to 12th March 2022.

Resource persons for the six-day training were Deputy PD (ATMA), Keviu Shuya and

Deputy PD (ATMA), Kohima, Rokoshuno Angela. The resource persons gave comprehensive and in-depth teaching inclusive of both theoretical via PowerPoint presentations and practical demonstrations followed by distribution of radish, pea, french bean, HQPM-1 (maize), and carrot seeds to the participants after which certificates were distributed to the participants after the training.

CMO KOHIMA BRIEFS ON SOCIAL HEALTH CAMP AT KOHIMA DPDB MEETING



CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo briefing on social health camp during Kohima DPDB meeting at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2022.

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2022. Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie chaired the meeting.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo informed the members on the ongoing social health camp. She said the initiative was taken during a meeting with the All Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayat (AKMWP) on 15th January 2022 at DC's Conference Hall,

Kohima to protect the co-morbid group of people from COVID-19 death as most of the deaths during the pandemic were of co-morbid cases who were unaware of their health status.

The CMO informed that to assess the co-morbid groups in the areas, a format was brought out for mapping of the co-morbid disease prevalence in the community, where ten (10) wards have submitted out of 19 (nineteen) wards. She said the health camp is a new initiative for Kohima district to protect the identified co-morbid group who will be given free medication and health strengthening through National Urban Health Mission. CMO said that targeted groups were 30 years and above, pregnant women and those less than 30 years but have a

family history. In this connection, CMO requested the members to pass on the message in respective areas to protect co-morbid clients, to avoid COVID-19 morbidity and mortality in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner thanked and appreciated the Health & Family Welfare Department, CMO and her team for taking the initiative at the district level. He also pointed out the importance of health status, precautionary measures, and COVID-19 protocols, which still need to be taken care of as the COVID-19 situation is not over yet.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes on registration of societies, the DC requested the officers involved in the screening process to give factual reports while verifying the documents for the genuine benefit of the society. Based on the verification report given by the screening committee, the meeting also decided to recommend the two societies Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Old NST and North East Leaders Connect, Khroliezou Colony, L. Khel to the Government for further necessary action.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 15th March 2022 at the Conference Room of the office of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon.

The Board passed the following proposals to be forwarded to their respective departments: Establishment of an Orphanage

Primary School at Anglong Ward, Aboi; Opening of Cornerstone School at Papong Colony, Mon town; Upgradation of Longching CWC to PHC; and Reopening of GPS Sheanghah Chinglen.

The meeting was chaired by DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. PowerPoint presentation was presented by the Department of Industries & Commerce.

ELDERLINE LAUNCHED AT TUENSANG



Programme Manager, Elderline Helpline, Neithonuo Liegise addressing the Tuensang DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 16th March 2022.

Elderline, the National Helpline for senior citizens was launched during the Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 16th March 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The National Helpline for senior citizens was launched by Programme Manager, Elderline Nagaland, Neithonuo Liegise. Launching the programme, she highlighted on the activities of the helpline and its objectives for complaints and

grievances of the senior citizens.

The Board discussed on the following, and forwarded to the concerned higher ups for necessary consideration: Upgradation of Noksen Primary Health Centre (PHC) to Community Health Centre (CHC); Opening of new school at Sangsomong village located under Longkhim area; and Upgradation of Government High School Hakushang to Government Higher Secondary School.

During the meeting PHED Chemist, N. Sangtam presented the departmental activities and programmes.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Pughoboto SDPDB Chairman & MLA, Y Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall on 23rd March 2022.

The board discussed for the change in nomenclature of GPS Ighavito. ADC, Tiameren Chang and his team had visited and discussed with the village people on the issue and the board decided to put up the matter with the concerned authority. Chang stated that after taking charge as the ADC, along with his team, he has visited the main water supply reservoir source and undergoing construction of the tank and had interaction with

the village council. He urged the people to give importance on enrollment in all the schools to avoid degradation of institutions. Regarding the house tax submission and other related matters in Ghathashi Block, he informed that he will entrust EAC Ghathashi in the next Financial Year.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu urged the young officers to go and work in the interior places to learn and tackle the problems and difficulties. The MLA also urged the Public Health Engineering Department and ADC to review the water supply in Pughoboto town and also lauded the department for the development of water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission scheme.

TRAINING ON MUSHROOM PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AT MON

District Administration, Mon in collaboration with Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), Mon and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Mon organised a one-day training on mushroom production technology at Council Hall, Mon on 23rd March 2022 under the aegis of Beti Pachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), Mon.

SDO (C) Sadar, Mon, Lithrila Sangtam highlighted on the significance of BBBP. She stated that economic independence of women

is necessary for women empowerment and encouraged the gathering to ensure that the training is implemented in their respective homes and villages, while highlighting the huge business potential of mushroom production.

BPM, NSRLM, Yatao Konyak chaired the event and also delivered a speech on credit linkage. Resource persons for the training were Block Technology Manager (BTM), Aboi, Mhachamo Ngullie and BTM, ATMA, Mon, Vimeno Zao.

SENSITIZATION ON SCHOOL DROPOUTS HELD UNDER BBBP

Orientation and sensitization programme on school dropouts for adolescent girls was organized by the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with the District Administration under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at Village Council Hall, New Jalukie, Peren on 23rd March 2022.

Case Worker, Sakhi- One Stop Centre, Peheilusile while leading the programme gave a brief introduction on the functioning of Sakhi-One Stop Centre, the various services available and how to avail them.

Centre Administrator, Sakhi- One Stop Centre, Asuni speaking on 'Child's rights' stated that children represents 1/3 of the world's

population, and highlighted the various child rights- right to survival, right to protection, right to participation, right in decision making and right to development. She also spoke on human trafficking.

Women Welfare Officer Mahila Shakti Kendra, Heirioteilei sharing on 'Dropouts of Adolescent Girls,' stated that adolescent is a phase of life between childhood and adulthood from age 10-19 years and it is a unique stage of human development and important time for laying the foundation of good health. She further stated that during this phase they experience rapid physical, mental and psychological growth.

SENSITISATION AND CAPACITY TRAINING HELD AT CHOZUBA

A one-day sensitisation and capacity building under Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on the flagship of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the banner of Swachh Bharat Urban 2.0 was organized at Vamuzo Memorial Hall, Chozuba Town on 24th March 2022.

EAC, Obangnener Jamir as the resource person, shared on the topic 'City Sanitation Action Plan, Characterisation and GAP Analysis.' Jamir also shared on door to door waste collection which was launched on 23rd March 2022. EAC, Er. Omegali highlighted on 'IEC and Action Plan.'

Detailed explanation on SBM 2.0; roadmap for Chozuba town; ODF - Garbage free rating; waste segregation and waste management MRF; CWMP, CsnAP; MSW and GAP analysis; and waste quantification were also imparted.

Head GB, Poranyi Shijoh in his speech expressed happiness at the training being organized. He also appealed to the gathering to keep their surroundings and wards clean.

Representatives from 9 (nine) wards of Chozuba town, schools, churches and wards took part in the training.

DISTRICT HANDLOOM EXPO AT NOKLAK

Superintendent of Police (SP), Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS inaugurated the District Handloom Expo, NHDP at Public Ground, Noklak on 25th March 2022.

Speaking on the occasion as the special

guest, the SP said Ellon-niu products (bags, shawl, waistcoat, etc.) of Khamniungans are very unique and encouraged the gathering to get the products the Geographical Indicator tag. She urged them to continue to work hard and

produce enough to create demands for Ellon-niu products in the market, which will empower the women and farmers and uplift the economy.

While encouraging the womenfolk to take up handloom, Dr. Kaur advised the menfolk to also join in making handloom. She encouraged them to make use of social media for promotion and marketing. She also advised them to get a registered society

in textiles department and get weaver's card. She encouraged them to diversify the products through products like bedsheets, pillow covers, curtains, etc.

The District Handloom Expo, NHDP was organised by the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland and funded by Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SEGREGATION OF WASTE HELD AT KOHIMA

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, the Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) organized a workshop-cum-awareness programme on plastic waste management and segregation of waste, at KMC Office, Kohima on 25th March 2022

Speaking on the occasion, Administrator, KMC, Lanusenla Longkumer stated that plastic waste has worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic, polluting the whole of Kohima town. She urged every individual to have a sense of self responsibility to manage waste segregation and to sensitize each other. Longkumer informed that awareness on composting, throwing plastic wastes in drainage and streets will start soon. She thanked the ZübZüb team for their tireless efforts for a cleaner Kohima.

Founder ZübZüb, Pelenuo while sharing

her journey on cleaning Kohima town, mentioned that the main goal of ZübZüb is to educate and sensitize the people about how to keep the town clean and free from pollution and the team has been continuously cleaning the streets for free from the month of June 2021 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every day. She urged the people to properly manage their wastes to keep the surroundings beautiful.

Sharing on Plastic Vision, India Waste Solution, an NGO, the team leader, Vizashe Mekro, informed that plastic bank will be set up in every ward and colony very soon and later in other districts too, where every household can donate any kind of plastic, including sweets wrappers, for recycling.

Gwizan Organics Technology, Roko Savino shared about the usage of organic manual called Green Bran.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB Conference Hall, Phek on 25th March 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Phek DPDB, Razouvolie Dozo.

The board discussed the mega tree plantation campaign under the theme 'Saving our environment,' with 5th June 2022 chosen as the

tentative date for the tree plantation. It also agreed to conduct the inter-department badminton and chess tournament in the month of April.

Principal, ITI Phek, N. Nyaksham Phom gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Institute's activities. Chief Medical Officer, Phek, Dr. Krizotuo Puphino highlighted the COVID-19 status in the district.

TRAINING ON BIOFERTILIZER PRODUCTION UNITS HELD

A three-day training on 'Mother culture maintenance, mass production, and storage of bio-fertilizer for promotion of organic farming in North East India,' was held at Bio-Organic Quality Control Laboratory, District Soil Conservation office, Dimapur from 24th to 26th March 2022.

The training programme was organized by the College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Science, CAU (Imphal), Umiam, Meghalaya and sponsored by the Director, Extension Division.

The resource persons, Dr. Dwipendra Thakuria, Dr. Juri Sandhya Barik, and Dr. Sapu Changkija imparted training on the topic - acid soils of Nagaland and its productivity challenges, bio-fertilizer as a component of organic soil management practice, jhum cultivation,

preparation of culture media, broth cultures for mass production of bio-fertilizer, extraction of rhizobium from the soil and root nodules and their maintenance on YEMA plates, inoculation and incubation of broth culture.

In line with State Organic Policy, the State Government is setting up 2 (two) biofertilizer production units in 2 (two) districts and another 10 (ten) biofertilizer production units are coming up in all the old districts in this current year 2021-2022. 3 (three) technologies have been transferred from Central Agriculture University, Imphal to the State Government through the office of the Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland. It includes 2 (two) bio-enhancers and 1 (one) biopesticide.

ORCHARD MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING HELD AT RUSOMA VILLAGE

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Kohima district in collaboration with the State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), Medziphema and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad has organized Skill Training of Rural Youth on 'Orchard Management and Maintenance' from 21st to 26th March 2022 at Rusoma village, Kohima.

On the first day, the programme started with an inaugural function where the concept of STRY was elaborated to the participants. The first technical session were on the topic 'Introduction to the establishment of orchard site selection, planning, importance, and infrastructure' and

'Soil management practices and techniques.'

The second-day session were on the topic of the establishment and management of nursery for fruits like orange, banana, and papaya. Hands-on demonstrations were given on the preparation of nursery. On the third day, the participants were trained on the scientific management of canopy orchards. They were also briefed about the management strategies for the citrus decline. A practical session was conducted on pruning and training where the participants were taken to an orange orchard. The participants were given in-depth training on integrated nutrient and pest management on the fourth day.

In the practical session, they were given

a demonstration of the preparation and use of Bordeaux mixture in an orange orchard. The fifth day of the training was on the topic of best orchard management practices and rejuvenation of old orchards and also harvesting practices and harvesting indexing.

The last day of the training was on

post-harvest management processing and value addition. This was followed by evaluation and feedback from the trainees. During the valedictory programme, certificates and training kits were handed out to the participants. A total of 27 (twenty seven) trainees participated in the training programme.

INTER-STATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME HELD AT NAUKHUTI



Deputy Commissioner Niuland, DIGP CRPF, and SDO (C) Sarupathar releasing balloons, displaying the spirit of peace and friendship during the inter-state cultural exchange programme held at Naukhuti School playground on 29th March 2022.

Inter-State cultural exchange programme for DAB Sector A & B was held at Naukhuti School playground on 29th March 2022. Organized by the District Administration in collaboration with 155 Bn CRPF Neutral Force Assam and Nagaland Border (Sector A & B) DAB.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Niuland, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS in his short speech encouraged the gathering for developing peace, mutual coexistence, and cooperation to work towards the betterment of the people living in the area. Noting that different states may have different administrative setups and different opinions might arise, Ajit stressed the importance of exchanging distinct cultures, ideas, and values for peaceful coexistence.

Speeches were also delivered by DIGP CRPF, SDO (C) Sarupathar, President Aghunaqa Kukami Hoho, and Convenor, Border Peace Committee. EAC, Imlijungla Lemtur and her counterpart from Assam felicitated the dignitaries. A cultural exchange competition comprising thirteen groups displayed traditional fire-making

demonstrations, cultural Naga, Bihu, Jhumur dance, showcasing the various culture of the people living in the area. Hosts of dignitaries from both the states and the public attended the cultural exchange programme.

CM RIO INAUGURATES NEW BUILDING OF DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Ministers and Advisors during the inauguration of the new office building of Directorate of Municipal Affairs at Kohima on 2nd March 2022.

The Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the new office building of the Directorate of Municipal Affairs in Kohima on 2nd March 2022 in the presence of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire and other dignitaries.

CM, Neiphiu Rio congratulated the Municipal Affairs Department for introducing the building bylaws for the common people. Rio hoped that the new building will boost the morale and working atmosphere of the officers and staff to provide better service to the people. He said there is a mad rush for urbanization and unless we have a system to regulate it and have modern town planning, including building bylaws, it will not be liveable. Rio further said that unless there is an improvement in modern technical aspects in the towns and cities, the State cannot progress. A few things among the technical aspects,

he stated, are women reservation and urban taxations. The CM also said women should be part and parcel of the decision-making body. With regards to tax, he said that the urban local bodies and the Finance Commission

have to impose taxes for the facilities that are provided to the public for development. Rio also asked the Government to identify places around towns to build farmers' markets to reduce the congestion in urban areas. He asked the Government as a whole and the public to help and participate with the Department to increase the quality of living in the State.

Dr. Neikiesalie, in his speech, stated that Municipal Affairs is an important department and with the inauguration of the new building the officers and staff will be able to work more efficiently. He informed that provisions are also kept for an emergency exit route, fire emergency issues, lifts, and ramps for differently-abled persons so that the office will be more convenient for the public.

CM RIO INAUGURATES THE 1st CARDIAC CARE CENTRE AT CIHSR

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Cardiac Care Centre (CCC), a state-of-the-art healthcare facility with the latest technology in cardiac diagnostic and therapeutic services at Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dimapur on 3rd March 2022.

Mentioning the heart disease scenario in India, where about 45 million people out of the total population of more than 1.27 billion suffer from coronary artery disease, Rio said that installation of CCC is a huge relief for the people of Nagaland as well as for the neighbouring states.

Expressing his appreciation and gratefulness to the CIHSR society for giving their best in providing quality health services, Rio advised them to also train the Government nurses and staff on how to take care of the patients and also for maintaining the hospitals. He observed that the dream of Medical College at CIHSR was not far stating that it would provide immense medical, benefits to the State.

Director CIHSR, Dr. Sedevi Angami

observed that CIHSR, which is being governed by the Government of Nagaland, CMC, and EHA, a unique PPP model has worked very well for 14 years and felt that such PPP model could bring huge changes, especially in the health sector. Upgradation of Cancer Care Centre (Advanced Radiotherapy Centre), Centre for Disability (training, treatment, and support), renal transplant and medical college were the plans ahead, Dr. Sedevi informed.

Cardiologist CIHSR, Dr. Avitso Liegise, the Head of the CCC, while explaining the logistics of the CCC machines, informed that the unit is one of the best equipped in the North East with Cath Lab Angiogram and Angioplasty, Pacemaker Support, 2D and 4D Echo, Transesophageal Echo (TEE)- EPIQ 7C, Cardiac Stress Testing, 24 and 48 hours Holter Monitoring. He further informed that the machines are the latest interventional machines and the best in the world offered by Philips, one of the leading companies in Cardiac Medical Imaging Technology.

SOLAR MINI-GRID PILOT PROJECT INAUGURATED AT CHENWETNYU VILLAGE, MON



MLA, C. L. John and other officials during the inauguration of solar mini-grid pilot project at Chenwetnyu village under Chen sub-division on 3rd March 2022.

Mon District Administration in collaboration with Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) inaugurated a solar mini-grid pilot project at Chenwetnyu village under Chen Sub-Division on 3rd March 2022. It was inaugurated by MLA 45 A/C Tehok, C. L. John in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS; Chief Operating Officer (COO) Hans Foundation Brigadier, Shalendra Katariya (Retired); SDO (C) Chen; district officers and village functionaries.

Speaking at the event, C. L. John expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Deputy Commissioner, Mon for the initiative in installing a solar mini-grid at Chenwetnyu village. He expressed his sincere gratitude

to MRDF and requested them to cover the remaining villages so that other villages can also avail the facility of solar light. He also urged the villagers to co-operate with the MRDF technical staff and work together so that the villagers will benefit from the solar light.

DC Mon, Thavaseelan highlighted the benefits of solar light. He stated that villagers can now have 24 x 7 power backup which will make life easier for the villagers. The other main purpose of the solar mini-grid is to encourage and support local entrepreneurs. He also expressed optimism that the remaining villages of Mon District will also be connected with solar light very soon.

SARBANANDA SONOWAL INAUGURATES INTEGRATED AYUSH HOSPITAL AT RAZHA CHEDEMA, KOHIMA

Union Minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the first-ever Integrated Ayush Hospital in the State at Razha Chedema, Kohima on 4th March 2022.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Sonowal emphasized on the importance of Ayush and its further development in the State since the State as a whole along with the NE states is considered a biodiversity hotspot. Wherein, wild plants having medicinal values could be extracted for use in the preparation of medicines, thereby possibly curing and preventing different diseases. He also mentioned that the Centre has been emphasizing the growth and promotion of Ayush, as it gives not only strong immunity to our body but also helps us to perform better in the workplace. The growth and promotion of Ayush will create revenue as well as employment generation for the

educated unemployed youths in the State.

Sonowal also assured one Ayush Medical College to the State soon. He also asserted that the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi is always concerned about the speedy growth and development of the region and puts his whole faith and confidence in the people of the NE states.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare S. Pangnyu Phom in his speech thanked the Union Minister for his visit to the State. He also asked the neighbouring villages to check and control land-related issues. Phom also urged to explore all the natural resources, as the State is rich in flora and fauna which could be used as medicinal plants for different ailments. He also thanked the department for constantly monitoring and supervising the work in spite of facing challenges.

GHS CHUNLIKHA ANNEXE BUILDING INAUGURATED



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing and other officials during the inauguration of Government High School (GHS) Chunlikha Annexe building on 11th March 2022.

Government High School (GHS) Chunlikha Annexe Building was inaugurated at GHS Chunlikha premises on 11th March 2022 by Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing. He urged all the teachers and students to sincerely carry out their duties for a better tomorrow.

A brief account of GHS Chunlikha and submission of representation for the upgradation

of GHS Chunlikha was presented by President, Kithagha Public Organisation, Khinyi Woch and the construction report was delivered by SDO (PWD Housing) Education Division, Er. Vilini Q Wotsa. The programme was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS and the welcome address was delivered by OSD to Chief Minister, Thapi Semy.

INTEGRATED HOUSING & SLUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INAUGURATED AT KEZOCHA TOWN

A programme for inauguration of Integrated Housing & Slum Development Project was held at Kezocha town, Kohima on 17th March 2022 with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kire called upon the Kezocha range people to extend their cooperation and support to the Government, irrespective of their party affiliation, to ensure that there is development and tranquillity in the State.

A short speech on behalf of the community was given by Kedesül who expressed his happiness and gratitude to the Government for providing facilities to the people.

Additional Chief Engineer, Urban Engineering Wing, Er. Kevide Nakhro presented a brief technical report on construction of dwelling units and Community Hall. He said the project cost was Rs. 498.92 lakh where funding pattern was on 90:10 central-state share.

ATM BOOTH INAUGURATED AT PUNGRO



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pungro, Mhomo Tungoe and other officials during the inauguration of ATM booth at Pungro town, Kiphire on 24th March 2022.

An ATM booth was inaugurated at Pungro town, Kiphire by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pungro, Mhomo Tungoe at SBI Bank premises on 24th March 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Tungoe stated that the ATM is a long felt need of the area

and with its installation, it will make banking more convenient for the people of the Sub-Division. The ADC expressed gratitude to the SBI officials, NGOs and all concerned who have made it possible.

SBI Branch Manager, Imtoshi Imsong urged the

people of the area to develop a sense of ownership, to take care of it and make the best use of the machine. Speeches were also delivered by President, Pungro Public Forum, Kongsu and TTC official.

'GO- LIVE' OF ERP INAUGURATED

'Go-Live' of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project under IPDS, Department of Power was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, Power, K. D. Vizo at E-n-C Conference Hall, Kohima on 25th March 2022.

Vizo said that ERP system tie together a multitude of business processes and enable the flow of data between them and collect an organization's shared transactional data from multiple sources and eliminate data duplication and provide data integrity with a single source of truth. He also said that one of the most dominating ERP software is System Applications & Products (SAP) and its most prominent feature lies in its service-oriented architecture, making it accessible to all business sizes and types. Vizo also said that the Department has taken a serious

decision to implement SAP for office automation. By integrating financial, human resources, and resource management, it is expected that a lot of time and expenses will be saved. He further added that implementation of the ERP will bring transparency, efficiency, and accountability to the Department.

Superintending Engineer (R), Er. Lobosang Jamir mentioned that ERP is a centralized solution where all the business processes of an organization that involves human resource development are integrated under one roof. It has been an uphill task since its sanction. He also said that the ERP covers the core activities of the Department - human resource management, finance, accounting and storing material management.

NEW ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX INAUGURATED

Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Songkhupchung Serto inaugurated the new District Court Complex at Zunheboto on 26th March 2022 in the presence of Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Kakheto Sema and Commissioner & Secretary, Justice & Law, Abhijit Sinha, IAS.

In his inaugural address, Justice Songkhupchung Serto thanked the Ministry of Justice & Law for financing the construction and the executing Department, CAWD. He also lauded the efforts put by the contractor in completing the building at the scheduled time. He stated that each and every dispute, whether high valued or small, needs to be resolved, and the court acts as mediator to deliver justice which upholds peace and tranquility if executed judicially.

Justice Songkhupchung added that the laws keeps on changing as per the needs of the society therefore laws which were relevant yesterday may no more be relevant today, so one has to accept changes and that is why we have parliament and legislatures to make laws.

Justice Songkhupchung further said that, the courts also resolves issues through mediation and Dobashis are the best people to play the role of mediator. He said that any dispute earlier were sent for mediation because when they are resolved in mediation it is a win-win situation for both the parties.

Justice Kakheto appealed to Commissioner & Secretary, Justice & Law to apprise the Government of the immediate requirement of Zunheboto District and the Court to have the post of Chief Judicial Magistrate.

While addressing the gathering, Commissioner & Secretary, Justice & Law, Abhijit Sinha, IAS stated that with the inauguration of the Court Complex at Zunheboto District, it has now become the 8th district to have a seperate court complex, and the Government is sincere in completing other ongoing processes and constructions.

Speaking on behalf of Nagaland Bar Association, its President, Akito Zhimomi strongly advocated on need of the State to have a seperate High Court in the State.

MINISTER METSUBO INAUGURATES BDO OFFICE AT WOKHA



Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir and other officials during the inauguration of the new Block Development Officer office building at Project Colony, Wokha on 28th March 2022.

Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir inaugurated the new Block Development Officer office building, Wokha at Project Colony, Wokha on 28th March 2022.

Addressing the inaugural function, Jamir said the Department of Rural Development has been consistently working for the welfare of the rural people over the years. He urged the people and village functionaries to extend their cooperation and support to the Government and the Department to bring about more developmental programmes for the benefit of the rural population. He urged everyone to respect the institution of Village Development Board (VDB) since all development works and programmes are implemented through it. The Minister also appealed to the village functionaries to focus more on economic activities

like agriculture and other allied activities as Wokha District is blessed with rich resources.

ADC Wokha, Lankonsen Tsanglao thanked the Department for providing the BDO office with a new building which, he said is a blessing for the people of Wokha, and called for judicious use of the new building. He also appealed to the village functionaries to work with utmost sincerity and dedication and proper implementation of schemes and policies to bring about change and development in their respective villages.

Director, Rural Development, Liboni Humtsoe said it is a special moment for the Department as the long-felt need to have a new BDO office building could finally be accomplished. The Director appealed to all the BDOs and staff to work with commitment and sincerity for better performance in all their assigned responsibilities.

ER. ZALE NEIKHA INAUGURATES HOCKEY KHELO INDIA CENTRE AT JAKHAMA



Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha and other dignitaries during the inauguration of Hockey Sports Academy at Loyola Higher Secondary School Jakhama, Kohima on 31st March 2022.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha inaugurated Hockey Sports Academy under Khelo India Centre at Loyola Higher Secondary School Jakhama, Kohima on 31st March 2022.

Addressing the inaugural function, Er. Zale Neikha expressed his sincere gratitude to the Loyola School for being the pioneer of Hockey in the State. He said the Ministry of Youth Affairs

& Sports introduced the scheme of Khelo India Centre at the district level on 29th June 2020 with a vision to infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country. He also said under this scheme each centre would be extended with a grant in aid for remuneration of the past

champion athlete (coach), support staff, purchase of sports kits and equipments.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie, IAS and Convenor, Hockey Nagaland, Tosovi Anthony delivered short speeches at the programme. Sr. Regita Mary AC gave the welcome remarks while Principal, Rev. Fr. William Pinto proposed the vote of thanks.



Meritorious sportspersons, coaches, officials of Youth Resources & Sports Department and others during the State Sports Award 2019-2020 held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 17th March 2022.



Advisor, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire speaking during the inaugural programme of the Integrated Housing & Slum Development Project at Kezocha, Kohima on 17th March 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, along with Ministers, Advisors and other dignitaries during the Shamator district inauguration programme at Shamator on 4th March 2022.



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